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# AGENCE TOR Unions open way to settlement at Heathrow

A peace move was made by the British Airways' Lunions last night in the dispute that has crippled Heathrow flights. The unions said they were prepared to abaindon their agreement allowing management men to undertake routine mainmanagement men to underturn to work as tenance jobs to "secure a return to work as Bull quickly as possible". British Airways said it hoped for a "positive response" by leaders of the unofficial action and promised to react con-

# **British Airways faces** run-down in services

By Christopher Thomas

A Labour Reporter Shop stewards representing 4,000 British Airways mainten-ance workers yesterday suc-ceeded in extending support for the mofficial action that has crippled domestic and Euro-pem flights from Heathrow for 10 days.

But later determined efforts by most of the 14 unions recog-nized by the airline to end the action seemed to be bearing fruit. There will be no dimestic flights from Heathrow todayh ind about balf the hundred scheduled European flights are expected to be cancelled.

Some AUEW members in Bel-fast yesterday refused to handle British Airways flights des-British Airways flights des-tined for provincial airports that are showing support for the action and the London-Bel-fast "shuttle" service was concelled. Domestic flights to and from Manchester were stopped after yesterday's meeting of

Nearly all British Airways deposition workers at Heathrow hatinging to the Amalgameted Union of Engineering Workers ralled to a call for support by the leaders of the unofficial action and stopped yesterday.
Other unions and management have joined forces to do men swork. As a result management men are carrying out routine aircraft maintenance checks which become due aircr 72 hours flying. Officially as AURIN dissociates itselfmin the arrangement, but there no doubt that, coming so soon efiance of the union's execu-re, it finds the British Airdispute acutely embarrass-

The shop stewards, who are bargaining rights outside le formal negotiating structure, 

mport.

If they get it the airline will ardees as aircraft develop

Foreign airlines using Heath-tow have not been affected necesse they have made trangements for servicing at irports abroad, often making

unscheduled stops for routine

But if the unofficial leaders of the dispute succeed in estab-lishing a solid picket line at the entrances to Heathrow and persuade members of other unions to stop work in sym-pathy, all lines using the air-Port might be affected.

British Airways, is maintain-ing long-distance services nearly intact on the assumption tha passengers would find it harder to make alternative arrange-ments for long-distance flights than for the domestic or Euro-

pean services.

Last night the company said that 57 European and 20 long-distance flights would be leaving Heathrow today. Four long-haul services would be can-

The most surprising aspect of the dispute has been the sup-port for the stewards in the face of opposition from all the other unions. The stewards are lobby-ing individual members of the AUEW executive to get official backing, but that seems

While sympathizing with the men's anger at the erosion of skilled differentials because of pay-restraint policies, the union maintains that the official forum for negotiations, the National Joint Council, for Civil Air Transport, is the appropriate body to resolve pay anomalies.

A year ago the stewards resigned from the local level of the machinery and have some been demanding separate bar-gaining rights. British Airways has refused to meet them. Last night the 14 unions represented on the body were discussing the next step with management

Mr Reginald Birch, AUEW national organizer for aviation said that yesterday's stewards' decision meant that if manage-"ask our lads to fix something" they will refuse. Pickets were being mounted around the surport yesterday. Shop stewards are meeting this morning and a mass meeting has been called for tomorrow. Since the dispute began, Southend airport, which has not been affected, has had extra business. British Air Ferries

said last night that it planned to

run 30 per cent more flights to Europe to meet heavy demand.

France rules out use of troops in Zaire

Paris, April 12.—France has o intention of sending forces to Africa to take part in a "Victuam-style war", President Giscard d'Estaing assured the French people on television tonight. He added that French tonight. He added that French aircraft being used to ferry military supplies from Morocco to Zaire would be recalled to France at the end of this week. Defending a decision that has met a mixed reaction at home, the President said he had not a company to the resident said he had not a company to the resident said he had not account to the resident said he had not had not be resident said he had not had not said to the resident said he had not had not said to the resident said he had not had not said to the resident said he had not said to the resident said to the residen the President said he had not acted at the request or on the orders of the United States.

"We acted on our own account to assist African friends. Africa is a neighbouring continent. Subversion in Africa would have consequences for both France and Europe."

Europe."

He said the military situation in Zaire appeared to have stabilized as a result of the dispatch of 1,500 Moroccan troops to the Shaba (formerly Katanga) war zone and the arms supply apparation by the Franch supply operation by the French French

troops in French troops in the threatened copper-mining centre of Kolwezi were only instructors training local troops and helping to maintain French-supplied equipment, he

said. Emphasizing the independence of France's decision, the President said he had not menresident said he had not mentioned the possibility to Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, when he visited Paris 10 days 220 even though it was under preparation.

Field reports showed that Field reports showed that the invaders were not, as had been said, Katangan secession-ist gendarmes, they were recently trained, he said, add-ing: "In other words, they are not Katangam gendarmes re-turning to their country after 12 years with their old weapons.



They are elements who have undergone war training. They operate by night in small groups of 10 or 20, using tried There were situations, the

President said, in which Europe had to menifest itself, "and Europe manifested itself through the intermediary of France".

bly today called for a vote on the President's action and charged that he had violated the constitution. Washington: The United States today announced that it had agreed to provide Zaire with military aid worth \$13m (about £8m) but said the supplies would exclude weapons and

A State Department spokes-man said that President Mobutu of Zaire, fighting in-surgents who crossed from Angola into Shaba, had asked for combat supplies. But these would not be sent.
"We see a need for an end to the fighting, not an expan-

sion of the fighting", the spokesman explained. Communist and Socialist The supplies being sent communiers of the French Assemprise one C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and spare parts, radio equipment, petrol, signal panels, and spare parts for trucks and Jeeps. The State Department spokesman said: We are attempting to provide assistance which will help Zaire to stabilize the situation and protect its borders and integrity of the nation."

today accused the West and China of trying to interfere in the internal affairs of Zaire, at the same time issuing a strong devial that it was involved in the fighting there.

A statement carried by Tass said the fighting was a "strictly internal conflict which need not concern anyone outside that country". But "a number of Western countries, as well as China, are urgently sending arms and military sup-

plies to the central government of Zaire", Tass said. It added that a "slanderous campaign" had been laurched alleging an invasion of Zaire by Soviet-backed Angolan and Cuban troops and "the Soviet

would agree to send fighter air Union resolutely rejects as craft.—Reuter, Agence France-absurd any allegations of its Presse and AP.

hailed as a great leap forward in radio, it was also admitted to be something of a leap in the dork. "We are aware", Mr Muggeridge said, "that very few people will be able to take complicity in the events in Zaire". Luanda: The French airlift is a prejude to interference by other members of the European Community with "criminal intentions" against Angola, a senior Angolan official claimed. boped to encourage manufac-turers and high-fidelity enthu-Rabat: Egypt has agreed to supply military air support to the operation in Zaire, reliable sources said here today. adapter—would soon, be on rice market. They now cost \$20, but owners of stereo equipment will Approval was given at the end of a fact-finding mission by military experts who have been visiting Zaire, the sources said.

It was not yet known here what form the Egyptian aid would take or whether Egypt

serious consequences for the British manufacturer. More

prinsu manuacturer. More importantly, however, is the prospect that the charges made today will win wide publicity and damage British Leyland sales in this important market. Many of the complaints against British Leyland's products a complaints.

ducts are too briefly outlined

and British Leyland does not appear to have been given a

fair chance to respond in detail.

The consumer group claims,

for example, that in Jaguar cars

alone it found defective fuel

defective fuel pumps, ignition amplifier stalling, power steering failure, disc brake defects, remote courtof door lock

tank change-over switches,

have to buy two extra loud-speakers, making the total addi-tional cost about £150. Listeners to mono or stereo will not suffer in any way, the BEC says.

David Wade writes: The greatest innovation in modern

Closing door on the

arms race, page 10

**BBC** radio

new sound

Quadraphonic broadcasts— radio in the round—are to be transmitted for an experimental

period of 12 months by the BBC beginning at the end of this

Marrix H, developed by the BBC engineering research department, will be the system

of transmission and the corpora-tion says that 60 or 70 broad-casts spread over the year will be the first of their kind in the

The press and radio equip-

The press and radio equipment manufacturers yesterday attended a demonstration of the new system, which has cost between £10,000 and £15,000, including the experimental year. That figure, according to Mr Douglas Muggeridge, Director of Programmes, BBC Radio, is equal to the cost of 15 minutes of television drama.

While Marriy H was being

While Matrix H was being

advantage of the quad transmis-sions at the outset of the

But he hoped that by next March enough people will have been able to listen to provide a

worthwhile reaction. It was also

siasts and that cheap decoders

the essential "black box"

breaks a

barrier

'new' nuclear

radio technology was un-doubtedly the introduction of VHF, which for the first time. enabled listeners to hear clearly what they were being given. Yet it made little impact. Stereo, by comparison a marginal improvement, is now the sound nobody can do without and it is difficult not to conclude that the reasons have been mainly

commercial. Stereo involved not only radio but the gramophone: therefore the manufacturers got behind it. The same will probably apply to quadraphony. The question, however, is whether it will inspire programmes as remarkable as radio once delivered without benefit of any recent gadgetry; if it does, it will succeed where sterco and even VHF have failed.

Sudan radio said Ethiopia was trying to conceal coninging defeats inflicted by Eritrean

# Phase three talks start today as some unions set sights on 12-16%

By Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Ministers will meet the TUC economic committee today to begin discussions on a further phase of wage restraint amid gathering discontent among rank-and-file trade unionists. discussions are unlikely to include any specific

figure for phase three. Talks will continue far into the union conference season and it will be many weeks before the fine details are reached.

A pattern of union hostility

Healey, the Chancellor, that Some call for a gradual return they cannot accede to a further to free collective bargaining and round unless a "credible" others call for its immediate nackage emerges. Some union leaders believe

be required to give them any hope of carrying their members When he presented his union's

quarterly economic review yesterday Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and per cent more flights to Managerial Staffs, said thet a to meet heavy demand. Leading article, page 13 more people out of work. strategy. given political sex the purchasing power question?

appeal by the argument that there will be a wages jungle if there is not another year of incomes policy" he said. "I would rether be in the jungle than undernourished in a 200. roluntary pay restraint is mirrored in motions contained in the preliminary agenda for the conference of the National

Not one motion backs the continuation of the social contract of industry alike. where it affects pay. The has emerged as a constant in motions vary only in the the agendas for many of the strength of their condemnation conferences and will be used by of the effects on working mion leaders to impress on Mr. people of phases one and two.

The major component of inflation is not earnings, and thus further incomes policy will (it) has consistently exported to the United States passenger

others call for its immediate application.
In its economic review the ASTMS notes that unemploy-ment remains historically high that a package, with tax con-cessions, which amounts to ment remains historically high between 12 and 16 per cent may and predicts that it will rise to more than 1.5 million adults by the end of the year. The union forecasts that inflation will rise until July/August to around 19

per cent, but will fall back at the year's end to an annual rate of 14 to 15 per cent. Mr Jenkins believes that a ployment can be reduced only

"We have a wrong economic if the Government "copes with and restores the money it has taken from the public sector

Mr Jenkins says that in the short term there is still no alternative to import controls on manufactured and semimanufactured products to allow reinvestment and restructuring of industry. Behind that protection there would have to be a comrolled expansion of the economy affecting the private consumer and the public sector

"The major component of consumption even further, in vehicles which present an unto free collective bargaining and turn increasing unemployment whilst leaving inflation substantially unchanged."

He believes the Government

target for reducing unemployment to 700,000 by 1979 is clearly unobtainable. Referring to the "great relief" which will be brought to Britain's balance of payments from 1979 onwards by North Sea oil, Mr Jenkins says its effects should be planned for now.
"The economy could and should be reflated and the scale phase three would be damaging of investment improved. All the to the economy and says unemarguments point to no phase arguments point to no phase

# Leyland under fire from Nader group ments on the dangers involved The report could result in an investigation which could have

US Economics Correspondent Washington, April 12

A leading American consumer group sponsored by Mr Ralph Nader has called on the gov-ernment's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to start a full investigation into 27 alleged important defects in four models manufactured by British Leyland.

The group, Centre for Auto Safety, concludes in a report on British Leyland to the government agency that "in addition reasonable risk of accidents occurring as a result of design, construction, or performance.

The potential for death and injuries caused by these cars

was considerable.

The group notes that only 578,029 Jaguars, MGs, Austins and Triumphs, were using United States roads at the start of last year and while this was a relatively small number "the potential for death and injuries caused by these cars is con-siderable". The 20-page report largely consists of a catalogue of

alleged defects with brief com-

failures, windscreen washer motor defects and dashboard dial failures. Other specific defects are itemized with regard to MG and Triumph sports cars and the Austin Marina. Continued on page 15, col 5 | secessionists.—Reuter

States ".

# Mr. Thomas Wilka, the consumer group's lawyer said the report and investigation was based on consumer complaints, its own research and "inside accuses Sudan information from a British I.cy-land employee in the United of aggression

Addis Ababa, April 12— Lieut-Colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam, Ethiopian head of state, tonight accused Presi-dent Nimeiry, of Sudan of aggression against his country. In a broadcast speech he said Ethiopia was being invaded by a foreign force, armed by Sudan and supported by Sudanese artillery and by S tanks.

# Spain eases

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PEOPLE

April re freedom today in for the general June but banned Take of the monarchy, tacks of the monarchy, tacks of the armed forces and gional reparatist propaganda.

The responsibility for prosection was shifted from the propagand of the law courts. it the Government can still its newspapers for obscenity of for attacking the monarchy,

armed forces or the unity Spain.—Reuter. Basque threat, page 4

#### Ir Ray Gunter es in illy, aged 67

Ar Ray Gunter, a former user of Labour, was found d at his home at St Mary's, s of Scilly, yesterday. He 67, and had been ill for

ie time.
Ir Caliaghan, the Prime uster, said he was deeply y to learn of his death. Mr the services of his fellow and women through his k for the trade union moveit and the Labour Party. His first love was the trade on movement, for which he an abiding affection and a p understanding", he said. ord Moran, Sir Winston rchill's doctor for 25 years, i yesterday, at the age of 94. Obituary, page 14

ord Killanin ill rd Killanin, aged 62, presi-International

mpic Committee collapsed in a heart attack yesterday r seeing his son, Mr Michael rris, win- the £5,000 -Powerd Cup at Fairyhouse racerse, near Dublin. He was a comfortable in St comfortable "St cent's Hospital Dublin, last

# Strict controls likely after Chelsea supporters fined

Supporters of Chelsea Football Club travelling to away matches are likely to face similar controls to those imposed on Manchester United supporters, Mr Howell, Minister of State for Sport and Recreation said yesterday.

He was speaking after more than a hundred Chelsea sup-porters had caused serious disturbances after their team lost 4-0 to Charlton Athletic on Monday. A fire was started in the ground, a social club and turnstiles were damaged,

smashed.

Mr Howell indicated that his task in curbing football violence was not being made easy by the courts. He criticized fines totalling £160 imposed yesterday by Greenwich magi-strates on five Chelsea supporters on charges arising from Monday's violence. The accused were also ordered to pay a total of £55 in compensation. Three others were remanded on bail.

The cases involved damage to a car window, two panes of glass in a house near the ground, and guttering at a building at Charlton Athletic's

Mr Howell said that the fines, the highest of which was £40, did not appear to bear any relation to the intention of the Government, which was pro-posing to increase fines for fout-ball hooliganism to a maximum of £1.000. "The use of detention and attendance centres seems to have more merit than inadequate fines. he said. He has asked the police and Charlton Athletic to give him full reports of Monday's dis-turbances, but said: "This sort of behaviour has got to be stopped. If it means fans will be denied access to the re-races then that is what we shall

Chelsea supporters have been involved in something like In the Commons last week Mr Howell announced a wide range of measures to control football hooliganism. The Foot-ball League and the Football Association, he said, would ensure that all Manchester United

away matches would be ticket-only occasions. In no circumstances would tickets be available on the day of the match. Chairman's reply: Mr Roger Fyson, aged 63, chairman of the magistrates who fined the races then that is what we shall five Chelsea supporters, said £40 do. It is not the first time last night: "I think our pay.

penalties were just. It may be all right for Mr Howell to talk in terms of £1,000 fines. He should try collecting them.
"When dealing with soccer hooligans magistrates take into account their means. Often we are dealing with unemployed people who are going to football matches and paying the entrance fee and for the drinks which make them violent with make they feet from the state. money they get from the state. They should never have had the money in the first place.

"What we tried to do today
was impose a penalty of
reasonable hardship. There were £40 fines and compensation to

# **Teachers in** attack on civil servants

windows outside were

Civil servants at the Department of Education and Science, "whose arrogance is exceeded only by their ignorance" are trying to impose central direction on school curricula, the National Union of Tacchers' conference National Union of Teachers' conference was told. Mr Max Morris, a former union president, said the profession-faced the danger of control by civil servants. The conference resolved to take action if any member was made redundant compulsorily Page

Regular's pecials

like regular police officers

The Home Secretary is supporting a recommendation that the 23,000 special constables in England and Wales should wear diced capbands and look more

Open government A move by civil servants away from their traditional attitude of reticence is

the way to more open government, according to a pamphlet Page 2

### Anti-dumping duty on Japanese steel

New curbs on some steel imports from Japan have been imposed by the Government. The restrictions, designed to head off a consignment of nearly 20,000 tonnes of steel on the way to British and European ports, impose a provisional ann-dumping duty of £20 a toune on the imports

Carter inside view President Carter has allowed journa-

lists to take an inside view of a day of his work in the White House. He appeared to be a keen self-improver, listening to music while speed-reading through piles of policy documents.

#### Sex education A booklet denouncing sexual inter-

course outside marriage and describing homosexual practices as perversion and

#### Local taxes hitch Conservative plans for an alternative system of local government finance

will not be ready for next month's council elections.

#### Dr Owen arrives in Cape Town

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, Dr David Gwen, the roreign Secretary, has arrived in Cape Town for the most crucial part of his tour of Africa in search of a possible solution to Rhodesia's constitutional problems. He seemed encouraged by the way the tour

#### Chelsea Hotel sold Arab interests may have been involved in the f6m purchase of the Chelsea

Hotel in Sloane Street. The purchaser is Rangate, a British registered com-pany, acting for Swiss clients. A Rangate director acted for Arab buyers of the Dorchester and for King Khaled of Saudi Arabia

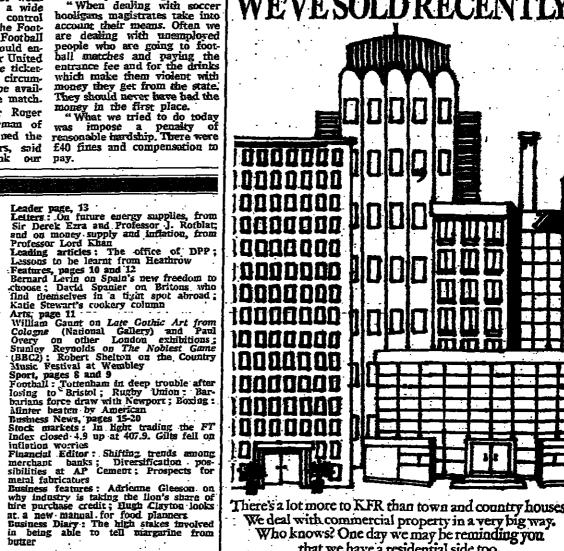
SNF ambitions: The Scottish National Party is hoping to make big advances at Labour's expense in next month's district council elections Shanghai: Mrs Thatcher sits in on a university English lesson in which articles from The Times are used in teaching

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# Teachers' former leader talks of 'sinister aims of desiccated mandarins at DES'

From Tim Devlin

Eastbourne Civil servants at the Departknow nothing about education, Mr Max Morris, a former president of the National day. They put forward any idea that came into their heads, and stayed inside the "closed walls" of their department, not taking account of

public opinion.

He told the union's annual conference at Eastbourne, that when Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, addressed the conference today she would almost certainly say that she had no plans to intervene in the curriculum.

But he continued: "Behind Shirley Williams are the desiccated bureaucrats of the DES, whose aims are far more sinister. There is no doubt whatsoever that their intention is to introduce some major form of direction. We are faced with the dangers of control by civil servants whose arrogance is exceeded only by their igno-

Later, Mr Frank Harris, of York University told the conference: "Max Morris is dead right about the mandarins in the DES. Some of them have come direct from the Treasury to the DES."

Putting forward a plan to save some of the 30 teacher training colleges under threat of closure, Mr Harris advocated a four-year course to replace the three-year teacher training course. It would contain larger elements of professional training and would invoive 5.000 more students.

From Bert Lodge, of The

A one-man campaign has ended the Department of Edu-cation and Science's continued recording of teachers' minor traffic offences.

Mr Wallace Tyrie, a teacher

at a Newcastle upon Tyne com-

annual conference of the National Association of School-

masters and Union of Women

Teachers at Torquay yesterday that he had been told by the department on April 5 that

price reports of teachers' con-victions for traffic offences

would no longer be received.

The Home Office told chief

constables four years ago that such offences need not be

All criminal convictions of

teachers are reported to the

department to see whether the

offender is suitable to continue

prehensive school, told

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Imquay

up a large proportion of the its members are made redun-teaching force. He said a one- dant compulsorily. ment of Education and Science year postgraduate course was quite inadequate for teacher day, it also lays down a new training. Before Mrs Wil-criterion for oversize classes in liams drops the final guillocine both primary and secondary Union of Teachers, said yester- on these colleges in a few schools. Oversize classes will he said.

> motion on educational standards which upheld the teachers' right to exercise their professional judgment in determining teaching methods and the content of the curriculum. The motion was overwhelmingly carried.

to formulate its own curriculum proposals. Mr Michael Hurdle, of south-west Surrey, will make it a priority for the supporting it, asked: "How can people be trained as teachers if the profession refuses children of woman teachers utive to set up a working party need? We must initiate ideas Mr Bernard Siffleet was if we are to be considered a loudly applauded when be said competent profession." the lack of equal pension to define what skills teachers

their officers and conference delegates by postal ballot instead of at local meetings. The
decision, which will weaken

The conference also accepted stead of at local meetings.

decision, which will weaken the influence of the extreme the executive's memorandum calling for optional retirement calling for optional retirement the age of 55. the influence of the group, calling for optional retrems which claims 3,000 of the for teachers at the age of 55.

Mr Clifford Metcalf, the union's general secretary, as a victory for common sense. The conference passed the executive's memorandum setting up the union's campaign against large classes. One of its getting out."

Recording of minor offences ends

Essie

ment on what offences made a

about 500 teachers a year have

been reported to the depart-

teacher unsuitable. Since 1973

examples of violence.

Miss

teaching. But after the report ment after criminal conviction.

of a Home Office working Of their offences, about 45 per

party set up in 1973 a circular cent were financial, was sent out recommending that traffic offences for which violence and 15 per c

He attacked the Department main features is that the union for using postgraduates to fill will take action if any of

As reported briefly yester weeks' time, I implore her to no longer be just classes of listen to what we are saying", more than 35, the level set last year. It will be set lower than The conference decided to that by the union's executive take his plan into its main to ensure employment for all qualified teachers who have the left college in the past two their years and those who will

qualify this year. The action taken so far has been a refusal by teachers to stand in for absent colleagues, but the union's action commit The conference rejected an tee will now be given discreamendment asking the exection to look at strategies. Against the wishes of the

who die.

The delegates upheld the rights for women was a serious executive's policy that the 560 injustice. The right had been local associations should elect excluded from the equal opportheir officers and conference tunities Act. It was the union's

welcomed by Mr Fred Jarvis, member of the executive, said "All over the country there are thousands of teachers going into the classrooms and knocking off the date because

fied until their case is reviewed.

for special exclusion centres for disruptive pupils to be estab-

lished outside school. Miss Essie Codling, a Leeds supply teacher, said that even where

centres had been set up there were cases of pupils having to

be excluded from the exclusion

centre.
Miss Codling told the con-

ference that in her own area a boy of 14 had threatened other

pupils with an airgun and then fired it at his headmaster, but

missed. She gave an account of

gang warfare in the play-ground by a group of 40 boys and said a pupil had leapt from a first-floor window to avoid a reprimand from his teacher. Five girls had tried to

kill themselves because of bul-

motion reasserting their inten-

tion to provide appropriate support for teachers faced with

Patrick Crotty, chairman of Leeds education committee said last night that Miss

incidents": Mr

lying, she said. The delegates

disciplinary troubles.

" Isolated

The conference also called

Party leaders are lining up for the next by-election battle

# Main issues at Grimsby will boil down to fish

Grimsby
It is easy to feel depressed in Grimsby, particularly for the town's 4,500 unemployed. Even in bright spring sunshine an air akin to despair is detectable among people banging around the fish docks, and the usual observation about the present recession is EEC cuts its red tape to save our fishing industry? nobody can see an end to it.

It might be supposed that anybody who could produce the vestige of a hope of better times would have the ear of the electorate, but that is not at least not yet. Admittedly these are early days in the by-election battle for Grimsby, which takes place on April 28, and as it gathers pace enthusiasm may be gen-

to party workers. It is possible to tour the network of streets around the town centre with-It is edready clear that the contest to elect a successor to he late Mr Anthony Crosland will be fought principally on the fishing issue and unem-ployment, although in all camps there is talk of national

interests such as rising prices

and crippling taxes.

But at present it is restricted

Mr Aussin Mizchell, aged 42, prospective Labour candidate, electioneering Easter, was quick of the mark yesterday, as befits a television ournshist, with the question: How long do fish landings on the present disastrous scale have to go on before the politi-

The distant-water side of the Grimsby fleet is still weiting for an agreement on Iceland, Mr Mischell says. At the same time he puts in a strong claim for a 30-mile exclusive fishing zone for Britain. An opponent of the EEC, he predictably fishery policy and says the by-Grimsby to tell the Govern-ment "no concession on our

The supporters of Mr Robert Blair, aged 51, the prospective Conservative candidate, delight in proclaiming that he started work at 15 in Aberdeen fish market, has been an assistant auctioneer, a docking clerk, a started with the started auctioneer, a docking clerk, a started auctioneer. costing clerk and various kinds of manager and is at present with Birds Eye. He expanded the Grimsby factory into the

the world, "bringing pros-perity to the fishing and farm-like the idea of a ing communities and over the Labour arrangement. years, jobs to thousands of peole in the town ".

Not only that, his wife, a Grimsby girl is daughter of a seine net skipper, and his son is a fish merchant. All in all, it can be said that he is well versed for the fishing argumeat. He says that the jobs of half the workers of Grimsby are related in some way to the

The prospective Liberal candidate. Mr Andrew De Freitas, 23ed 32, also has links with the sea, being an administration officer in the shipping industry. He has a certain amount of local pull, having been a town councillor for seven years, and believes that people know he has local in-terests, including fishing, at

An advocate for a 50 mile fishing zone, he also wishes to destroy Humberside County Council and restore Grimsby's former glory as a borough goveraing its own fate. He cam-prigns passionately for development area status for Hum-berside. He admits that, so far, the move away from Labour is not as pronounced as he

believes that Liberal voters like the idea of a Liberal-

Many imponderables raised in this by-election. The most discussed is whether Mr Mitchell's television image, sometimes aggressive, sometimes clowning will help or hinder him. His opponents recall with satisfaction the outery when Anglia Television was replaced in Lincolnshire with Yorkshire Television, Mr. Michell's present employer.

Some Yorkshire people think that their Lincolnshire neighbours, and that includes
Grimsby, are "a funny lor",
stuck at the end of a road
leading nowhere. Nevertheless
the big guns of all three
parties will find their way to Grimsby in the next couple of weeks, including Mrs Thatcher, Mr Heath, Mr Whitelaw, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Mr David Steel, Mr Michael Foot, Dr David Owen, Mr John Silkin and Mrs Shirley Williams. Desoite that, there is a distinct feeling that in the end it will all boil down to fish.

General election: C. A. R. Crosland (Lab), 21,657; K. C. Brown (Cl. 14,675; D. M. Rigby (L), 9,487; J. McElrea (Ind Dem Lab), 166. L2b majority, 5,982.

# SNP plans advance at Labour's expense

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh :

The Scottish district council elections on May 3 will be the first formal test of public opinion since the devolution Bill foundered and since the pact between the Labour and Liberal parties was made. The Scottish National Party plans to use the campaign to increase its presence in traditionally Labour areas in the central belt.

Nominations for elections to 53 district councils closed yes. terday and the latest opinion poll showed the SNP moving ahead with a 9 per cept lead over the Labour and Conservative parties. Many nationalists regard the district elections as an excellent test of public opinion and a way of projecting the party. Others, think the SNP should not become too closely involved in local gov ernment at this stage of the campaign to win independence. In Dundee, none of the die trict seats is being contested by a nationalist candidate. Mr Gordon Wilson, the nationalist

MP for Dundee, East, said: local party to concentrate en-tirely on parliamentary elec-tions because they are thought to be more important. The is extremely likely autumn."

The SNP is not strongly represented in the nominations in rural areas and Aberdeen but elsewhere ir will more thau double its efforts. These will be the first elections for the Scut tish districts since they were! formed in May, 1974. The present representation is: Labour 416, Conservative 241. SNP 71, Liberal 18, Independent 344. The break age. 344. The break-away Scottish Labour Party is entering 35 candidates and running a membership campaign at the

The size of the vote the nationalists can achieve is sure to worry the Labour Party with the fear that the SNP might take over Glasgow and Edinburgh if the swing to the nationalists matches the latest opinion poll. An SNP official said: "The difficulty for us is that much of our new support comes from young people w are less likely to turn out than ratepayers or anyone who has had to pay the cost of this new local government ".

The party is contesting 41 seats on Edinburgh district council. In West Lothian, where Mr Tam Dalvell, the Labour MP, and Mr William Wolfe, the SNP chairman, have spent more than a decade fighting the parliamentary seat, the nationalists are contesting all 21

Traditionally the SNP has been cautious about fighting local elections. Some years and nationalists elected to Glassow and Edinburgh councils had an unhappy and unsuccessful rime. were inexperienced, and in a minority with a lot of hostility against them", a partyl official explained yesterd".
"Some had not seriously expected to be elected, and did not realize the implications."

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A System Three poll published in the Glasgow Herak yesterday was based on sample of 963 adults between March 26 and April 3. The were asked which party the would vote for if there was general election tomorrow. In result was as follows:

Scot Lab 3

# Ways of getting more open government

Ev Peter Hennessy

The Home Office is preparing material for an Official Inopenness in government is formation Bill of between 20
through a "shift in mental and 30 clauses to replace the attitudes" by civil servants discredited section two of the reared "in the tradition of ret-Official Secrets Act, 1911, the

Administration, money and manpower. He To complement the new recommends instead a gradual Act Whitehall will probably approach in which change revise through the administraapproach in which change would be enshrined in adminis-

grative action

An alternative view, making the case for a freedom of in-formation Act along American lines, is proposed this week by Miss Patricia Hewitt, gen-eral secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties. In the council's annual report she

Miss Hewitz condemns as inadequate the present Government's policy of combining what she describes as "a new secrecy law which will protect government more effectively with the publication of more Green Papers or consultative

Official Secrets Act, 1911, the icence" according to a pamph—intended repeal of which Mr ler published this week by the Rees, Home Secretary, Royal Institute of Public amounced in November.

Narrower in scope but surer Mr Ronald Wraith senior in operation than section two, research officer at the institute Bill's contents will be distute, argues that legislation to cussed before the summer compel government depart. recess by the Cabinet commit-ments to disclose working tee set up by the Prime Minisdocuments and internal comter last year. The Bill will
munications not prepared for probably be introduced in the
publication would be costly in next session of Parliament.

tive means favoured by Mr Wraith, its rules govern-ing the disclosure of official information. Two documents will need to

be amended to reflect the more open climate to which ministers ministers have committed themselves: the Civil Service code of conduct and the estabplaced on governments to prescribe the conditions under reveal details of their operation. It is emphasized in White-

hall that no dilution of the doc-trine of ministerial responsibility is intended or implied by the new arrangements. Open Government. The British Interpretation. By Ronald Wraith. (RIPA, Hamilton House. Mable-don Place, London WCIH 9BD, £1.90.)

# Tory local tax plans will miss elections

Political Correspondent

To the embarrassment of some of its candidates, the Conservative Party will enter the local government election campaign next moath without having completed the drafting of its plan to replace the domestic rating system with taxes more broadly based and related to people's ability to

The party said last night that a group that has been preparing the alternative policy expects to publish its conclusions in about eight weeks time, after the local council elections.

Mr Michael Heseitine. spokesman on the environment, Mr Keith Speed, spokesman on local government, and party specialists from the Commons and local government are preparing measures to cover domestic and commercial rates, control of council spending by cash limits, greater freedom for authorities to decide priorities, and raising capital.

As the Conservative local government conference in Pebruary showed, many Torv councillors are sceptical about the party's ability to propose a workable alternative to the

nes locally raised rates with annual grants from the Ex-Apparently there have been

many objections to the idea of a locally collected income tax in addition to central taxes. But Mr Graham Page, Minister for Local Government from 1970 to 1974 believes that the central taxation system could be adapted. He has introduced a private member's Bill in the Commons,

due for second reading on April 22, which would allow the Iuland Revenue to act as agent for rating authorities. In effect a supplement to income tax, and corporation tax would be passed on to the relevant local authority. "There would be a limit on

the amount that could be levied, and it would be specified each year in the Finance Bill." Mr Page said. "I would be specified each year in the Finance Bill." Mr Page said. "I would be be specified to be specified by the said." propose that it should be between 5p and 9p in the

Mrs Thatcher and others have pointed out the difficulty collecting local revenue through the income tax system, but Mr Page says it could be overcome by taxpayers' declar-ing their places of residence in

For businesses, the rate would be levied on the gross takings derived from trading within the local government

# Secrecy of Liberal and Labour talks attacked

The secrecy surrounding the regular talks between the Government and the Liberal Party about policy was attacked last night as undemocratic by Mr

night as undemocratic by Mr Leon Brittan, Conservative MP for Cleveland and Whitby.

Speaking at Whitby, he said:

"In spite of the Liberals' insistence that the initial terms of the pact should be made public its implementation is taking place behind closed doors. No pattern of government could be less stable than that, and none could be less democratic."

Mr Brittan, an opposition

spokesman on devolution said the part had denied the people the opportunity of choosing a government that it wanted. A general election might have led to instability for a few weeks, but it would have secured a

strong government that would have provided stability for several years. "It is sad that a party with the traditions of the Liberal Party should have deprived the

people of the chance of choos ing their government and should have relegated decision-making to the smoke-filled room of the joint consultative committee."

### Prison officers introducing stricter measures Liverpool

Prison officers at Walton jail, Liverpool, voted yesterday not to "withdraw cooperation", which would have kept prisoners longer in their cells. But security is to become stricter. Film shows in darkened

rooms are being stopped and exercise periods further reduced. The decisions were made at mass meeting after expressions of concern about officers' safety had been voiced after two guns and a detonator had been found in the prison.

Weather forecast and recordings

# A regular appearance for specials

By Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent

The Home Secretary has recommended to chief constables that the 23,000 Special Con-stabulary officers in England and Wales should wear uniforms similar to those of the full-time police. They would have diced cap-

bands in areas where those are worn by regular officers and, apart from the position of their distinctive badges of rank, they would, at first sight, appear to be members of the regular

Mr Rees, who is urging the implementation of the recommendations of a Home Office working party, has agreed to the suggestion that the specials' rank should be indicated on their epaules. A sergeadt, for example, would wear a silver bar on his shoulder end an inspector two bars.

The working party, which has been examining the role of the specials for three years, suggested that the rank of special chief inspector should become divisional commandant, indi-cated by three bars on each epaulet. A chief commandant would have four bars. Mr Alexander Baker, an assistant under-secretary of

state at the Home Office, who was chairman of the working party, said yesterday: "We have done our best to exorcize the difficulties that naturally arise between some members of the regular police force and the specials."

the emphasized that specials would always be under the supervision of regular officers. some of whom have been embarrassed in the past when escorting and directing men of seemingly high rank.

"There will never be a situation where regular officers have to take orders from members of the special constabu-lary", he said. "They are there solely as voluntary help."

# was sent out recommending that traffic offences for which there was no power of disqualification should not generally be included. The conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference and 15 per cent contains included and drugs. The conference adopted a resolution that there should be discussions with the depart of the conference and 15 per cent contains and drugs. The correspondent writes). He added that the committee work of the two units that dealt with about 12 disruptive children in due course. Murdered Yemenis seen as victims of local politics

Codling:

der of al-Qadi Abdulla al-Hajri, the former North Yemen Prime Minister, Scotland Yard said yesterday that it was satisfied that the killing was linked with local-Arab politics.

Mr al-Hajri's wife, Fatimah, and Mr Abdallah Ali al-Bammami, minister plenipotenplary at the London embassy, were also shot dead by a gunman as they sat in a car outside the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Bayswater, on Sunday. The gunman vanished into crowds in Bays-

water Road. Diplomats in London have been reassured that there is no reason to believe any international terrorist is at large.

Inquiries are being coordinated by Commander James Nevill, head of the anti-terrorist brench, and Commander Rollo Watts, deputy head of the

Investigations in Arab circles in London were ordered after a conference at Scotland Yard, to establish the motive for the killings. Mr al-Hajri's death is Minister.—Agence thought to be in revenge for Presse.

After more than 48-hours of—some personal or political inci-intensive inquiries into the mur-dent in the past. He was an der of al-Oadi Abdulla al-Hairi, important and powerful figure in his country.

> North Yemenis were flown home Scotland Yard obtained permis sion for post-mortem examinations to obtain evidence if a charge of murder is brought. An inquest into the deaths will open ar Westminster Coroner's

Detectives yesterday continued to question members of the hotel staff and made door-todoor inquiries in the district. Commander Nevill appealed to anyone with possible informamurder squad headquarters at Paddington Green police station.

lor countrymen.

The gunman may have left the country soon after the shoot-

ing, but the murder squad believe he is hiding in London, possibly being protected by fel-

Before the bodies of the three

Sanna, North Yemen, April 12.—A large crowd including Color: I Ibrahim al-Hamdi, the head of state, attended the funeral here today of the former prime minister. Mourners also included. Abdul Asia Abdul included Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, the North Yemeni Prime

conspiracy sent for trial

14 in alleged

Fourteen men charged in connexion with an alleged international fraud conspiracy were committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court from Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, after committal proceedings that started on February L Another man who had been charged died after a beart attack in March. Thirteen are accused of plot-ting to cheat by use of stolen or forged bank and identity documents and conspiring to

forge or utter such documents. Three are charged with conspir-ing to cheat by use of metal bars purporting to be of pure Ten are charged with conspiring to contravene the Criminal Justice Act, 1925, and the immi-gration Act, 1971, by forging or uttering passports and other identity documents. Two are

torged American dollars in notes and one with possessing 3,779,000 forged Spanish pesetas Royal Pavilion repairs Restoration of the music room at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, badly dumaged by an arsonist, is to begin next month

charged with possessing 46,000

after settlement of a £225,000 Miner falls to death Mr Wyndham Jones, aged 39, miner, of Y'Drym, Pontheney,

Dyfed, died yesterday when he fell 600ff down a pit shaft at

### Two join leaders in Walbrook chess contest From a Chess Correspondent Birmingham

Birmingham.

The seventh round of the Walbrook international chess tournament in Birmingham enabled Gasic and Luginbuhl to join the leaders yesterday after some exciting games. Danjanovic could make no impression on Nigel Povah and a draw was agreed after 39 moves. The other overnight leader, Botterill, also had a level struggle, with Rukavima.

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Luginbuhi found Basman in poor form after the Londoner had won a long adjourned 'game against Gasic in 98 moves. Gasic gradually got the better of Lambert after the young Middands open champion had given him a great deal of trouble earlier.

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trouble earlier.

Results. round seven: Lambert 0.
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Caffert v Soos. English opening. 46f:
Leading scores: Botterill, Gasic, Danimoric and Lagishuhi 4'n. Rukawina 4
and one postponed.

# Concorde training plan

Phone threat charge

pany director, who lives in California, was sent by Uxbridge magistrates for trial at the Central Criminal Court, charged with making a tele phone call threatening to blow up a British Anways jumbo jet.

**Bobby Moore fined** Bobby Moore, the former England footbell captain, was banned from driving for a year and fined £150 by magistrates at Stratford, London, yesterday, after admitting driving with excess blood alcohol.

Today Sun rises : 6.10 am Moon rises: Moon sets: 3.58 am 2.46 pm New moen : April 18. **Lighting up : 8.24** pm to 5.38 am.

High water: London Bridge, 10.29 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 10.56 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft), Avonmonth, 3.57 am, 10.6m (24.9ft); 4.36 pm, 10.8m (35.3ft), Dover, 8.12 am, 5.5m (18.2ft); 8.40 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Hull, 2.58 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 3.16 pm, 6.0m (19.7ft). Liverpool, 8.13 am, 7.8m (25.7ft); 9.2 pm, 7.8m (25.6ft).

The W airstream over the United Kingdom will veer to NW as colder air spreads from N. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S. E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Cloudy, occasional rain, brighter later; wind W veering NW, WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud, d, drizzle;

SW England, Wales: Cloudy, occasional rain, hill fog, bright or clear intervals and scattered showers later; wind W veering. NW, fresh; max temp 12° to 14°C (54° to 57°F). Sea passages: S North St Strait of Dover, English Chars (E): Wind W, fresh or stront sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish St Wind W or NW, strong to gas sea rough. NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Some bright or sunny intervals, but showery; wind W, veering NW, fresh, strengthening; max temp 12°C (54°F).

NE England Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Bright or summy intervals, showers, turning wintry on hills; wind W, veering NW, strong and gusty; max temp 9°C (48°F).

(48°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright or summy innervals, showers turning to show or sleet, chiefly on hills; wind W, veering NW, strong to gale; max temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Fri-



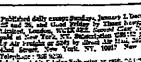
London: Temp: max, 7 and 7 pm, 16°C (61°F); min, 7 pm, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 7°C 60 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.3 Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,01

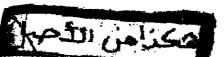
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Recruiting to the Special Constabulary has dropped by more than 20,000 in the past decade, and the force has just over 23,000 members. The number of woman volunteers has risen, and in some areas there have been more coloured appli-

# Cynheidre colliery, near Llan-elli. RUC in hunt for three dangerous men From Stewart Tendler

of three men wanted by the RUC in connexion with murder. and violence in the south Lon- in there. Last Friday two police-

been on the run from Port-laoise prison, in the Irish Republic, for nearly three years. He escaped in August, 1974, with 18 others after being convicted of firearms and explosives offences.

has recently begun to acquire a notoriety similar to that of South Armagh. So far this year there have been seven murders and violence in the south Londonderry area were issued yes terday. In the next few days tried to stop a car near Moneythe police plan to flood the area with leaflets urging the public to help them to find the men, a technique rarely employed in Ulster.

All three men come from Bellagny, co Londonderry; one, Ian Patrick Milne, aged 22, has yesterday Mr Gerard Fitt, heen on the run from Port.

MP for Belfast, West, said he would question Mr Callaghan and the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland and Defence about a new computer being used by the Army. He said that soldiers had questioned householders in several parts of Belfast in what appeared to be

The south Londonderry area weapons, which have previously been kept on manual records. The Irish Government is con sidering what to do about a demonstration, planned by Pro-visional Sinn Fein in Dublin next Saturday, in support of 20 IRA mea on hunger strike in a prison hospital. The signs are that it will not ban the demonstration on the ground that that might increase support for it. Last year the Government banned a rally to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the

Easter rising; but the event went ahead with 5,000 people

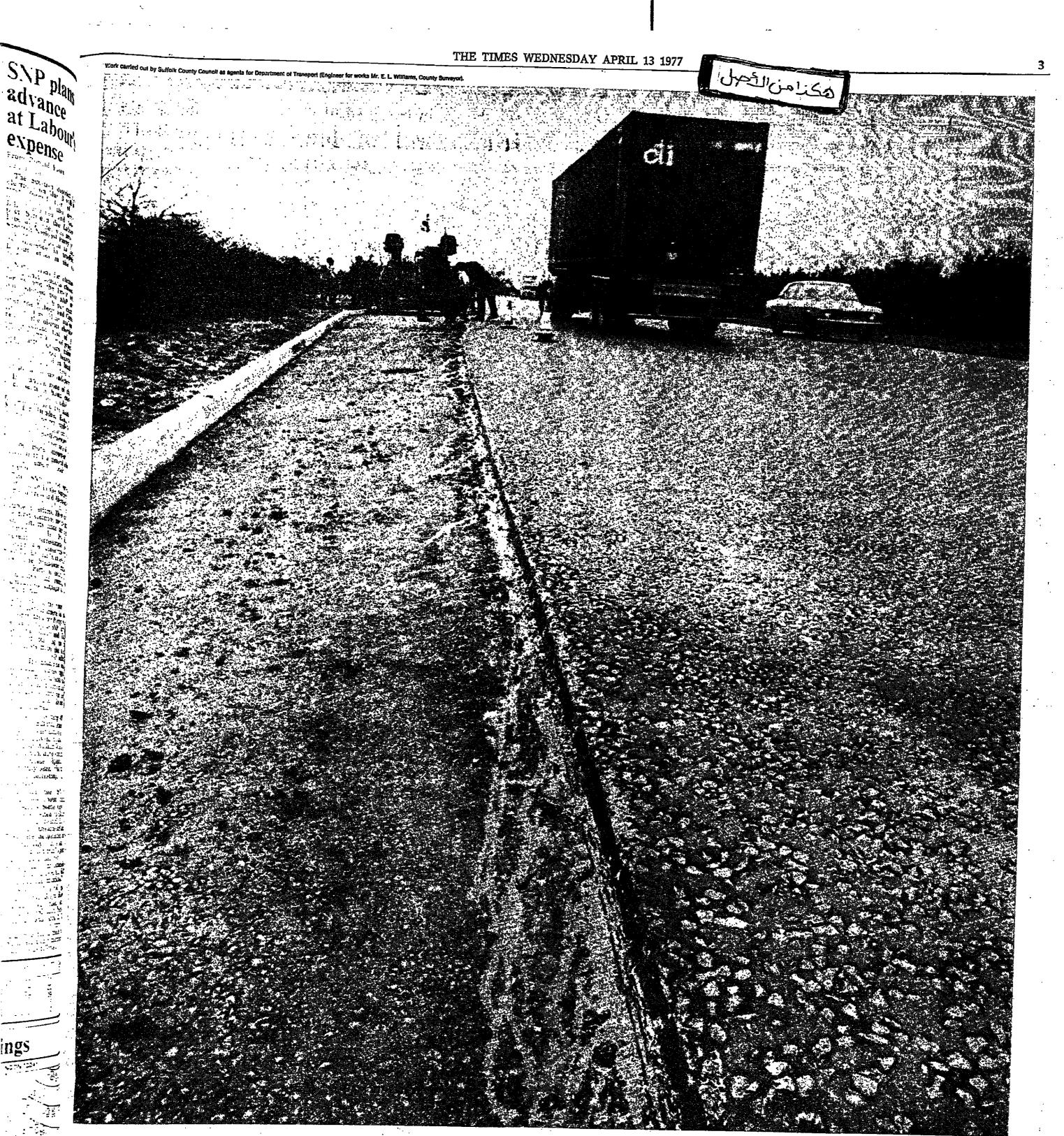
in attendance and drew sup-

port from a member of the Irish Parliament The 20 men are protesting at conditions in Portlaoise jail, where they were held and have been refusing food for more The other two are named as Dominic McGinchey, aged 22, and Francis Hughes, aged 21. Belfast in what appeared to be David O'Connell, vice-president An RUC statement yesterday a census. The Army says the described the men as highly dangerous.

soldiers had questioned house been refusing room for more than 30 days. They include David O'Connell, vice-president a census. The Army says the of Provisional Sinn Fein, and a computer will be used to process records on suspects and visional IRA.

British Airways is to transfer part of its Concorde pilot training programme from RAF Brize Norton back to Fairford, Gloucestershire, after protests about noise from people in Oxfordshire.

Ajit Mathur, aged 28, a com-



# Topping topping

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All this just goes to show, we suppose, that-if you're ingenious and hard-working, and a little bit lucky in this business-after 100 years you'll wind up tops at the bottom.

# Disturbed adolescents find a gap in welfare services

Social Services Correspondent severely disturbed girl aged 13 is being treated in a private psychiatric hospital because a suitable place cannot be found for her beauty for the found be found for her in a public institution. Her treatment is costing Hackney social service department £168 a week, more han double the cost in a under 14 health service hospital or local institution. authority home.

The case illustrates the gaps The case illustrates the gaps in the welfare services through which disturbed adolescents, particularly, girls, often fall. The girl has exhausted all the possibilities offered by the education and social services because she is felt to be too difficult to handle. For the same reason no adolescent unit in a psychiatric hospital will take her.

She is physically and verbally violent and has attacked a number of staff at the various institutions that have held her for a time over the past 18 months. An indication of the desperation felt by the various professionals trying to work with her is that at one point she was admitted, heavily sedated, to a children's hospital on conditon that she left

which she could be charged. In any case, she could not be sent to Holloway because a recent government order has stopped the remand of any girl aged under 14 to any adult penal

culties to the various services ment centre for six months, involved only in the past two years, although she has been under care orders for most of her life. The onset of adolescence and the change from primary to secondary school seem to have initiated her dif-

The girl was born prema-turely and spent the first four months of her life in hospital. Premature birth and early separation from the mother are classic factors in later disturbance among children. She also spent some of her early years in a residential nursery, again separated from

her life living at home, under supervision by social workers. Unlike her two brothers, who have also been in care but St. Charles Youth Treatmen

tion of parental rights.

Attempts by Surrey to obtain details of H's criminal records

failed and the report notes that

records of the case were poor partly because of pressure on the social service department. Those details were given some

years later to a social worker in Ealing, but in suc ha way that

she felt unable to disclose them

demonstrates a gap in informa-tion that should be available

where parental rights are likely

to be assumed, or have been, and where a child is being re-

turned home on trial to a parent

in such circumstances. Such children may be as much at risk as children about whom

there is suspicion that the parent might injure them. In those cases Home Office guid-

ance has been issued asking

chief officers of police to pro-vide information from criminal

records for case conferences.
Such information should be provided uniformly throughout

the country, the report says. It

should not be provided unless the Home Office issues a circu-

have held her until a suitable social work services at Hackney. She did well enough at the school to be transferred to moor have been ruled out, an ordinary primary school for however, because the girl has a year, and a special effort was not committed an offence with made to help her in the transition from primary to secondary school.

It did not work, however. The girl has spent most of the past 18 months going in and out of various private and local authority homes, as well as The girl has presented diffi- hospitals. She was in an assesscould not handle her, she was sent to a children's home for a few days, Then to a long-stay home for two months, and then to a specialist private home for difficult adolescents.

She went home again for two months, and then returned to the assessment centre but ran away. It is only in the past few weeks that the possibility that she needs psychiatric treatment has been considered. but neither adolescent units nor adult psychiatric wards will take her. She is now in an But she has spent most of adolescent unit with about

private psychiatric hospital in the Midlands. St Charles Youth Treatment have also been in care but were not separated from their Centre, a new establishment in mother at birth, she has not Essex rum by the Department the very vide adapted well to being at home.

She was sent to a day school might have offered more suitable treatment but cannot take wards, which is the girl until after Christmas. The girl until after Christmas is better the staff offered an the girl until after Christmas.

"excellent service", according to Miss J. A. Simpson, head of is to open in Birmingham, but somebody." Centre, a new establishment in

adclescent girls, being built for the London Regional Children's Planning Committee, will also not be opened until

the autumn. Dr Constance Dennehy, a consultant psychiatrist who has become involved with the girl over the past two months, believes she needs to be in a closed, therapeutic community, but none is available.

She said that parliamentary reformers who have cam-paigned to keep children out of adult wards in psychiatric hospitals and adult penal establishments should be made aware of the fact that no alter-natives are available for the most difficult adolescents. The London regional com-

mittee has urged Mr Moyle,

Minister of State for Health, to put pressure on hospital psychianties to be more flexible in admitting adolescents to wards. either in specialized units or adult wards. The committee is commiling evidence on about twenty to thirty adolescents, boys and girls, for whom no suitable place can be found. Miss Bridget Fann, develop-ment officer of the committee, said: "We sgree that children should not be sent to prison, but we have no facilities for the very violent adolescent girl

The case of this girl, and the three others the same area has on average each year, has not been exacerbated by the community home system estab-lished under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, Miss Simpson believes. It is true, the says, that girls could be sent to named approved schools by the courts before the Act became law, but they often had to wait months before such a school would

Miss Simpson, however, thinks that the clamour for

more secure units to contain violent adolescents is some-what misplaced. They are

aecessary, she believes, to hold

she is being assessed for the most suitable treatment. If res-

skilled staff, trained to work

with adolescents instead of just small children, it might be

easier to cope with similar

a violent youngster while he or

homes contained

ing to use new methods to help disturbed youngsters that Miss Simpson places the core of the difficulties on both the lock of trained staff in various establishments for adolescents and the fact that most institutions are geared to the needs of most of the children in them. The minority

agree to accept them and the

success rate was not high. The

new community homes are try-

in London. Some of them could be contained in adult wards, which is not ideal but it who disturb the smooth running of schools, homes and is better than waiting until these children seriously harm hospitals are not being coped

delays

criticized

By Our Health Services Correspondent

lished yesterday.

Family doctors are often

called on to treat rheumatic complaints but their training

equips them with little know-ledge about diagnosis and man-agement of the diseases, the Arthritis and Rheumatism

Council says in a report pub-

The waiting time for

average, see at least one new patient with some sort of back

pain, arthritis or rheumatic

The report says ther although

access to consultants has improved in the past six years

variation in different areas per-cies, and is disturbing. The

Yorkshire is particularly worry-

Who the Long Wait ? (Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 8-10 Charing Cross Road, London,

Rent committee

by Labour MP

Two chirds of members of

day. A "sherp attack on tenants" being mounted would be bitterly resisted, he said.

Mr Allaun, MP for Salford, East, and a member of the

party's national executive, said:
"This spring the campaign will
be under way against the
tenants of both council and

bias alleged

complaint every working day.

WEST EUROPE\_\_\_\_

# Basque separatists threaten renewed campaign of violence

Biarritz, April 12 The Basque separatist organization ETA is threatening to start a new campaign of violence unless there are basic democratic freedoms and a total amnesty a month before the Spanish general elections. these conditions are not fulfilled, we shall immediately pass to the attack", a leader of ETA's military wing told The

In addition, he said, ETA will also recommend that also recommend that ues "actively abstain" Basques from participating in the elec-tions. The ETA leader said that this could take the form of strikes and demonstrations. The elections are to be held in June after a three-week-long electoral campaign. This would put the ETA deadline at around the middle of May.

ETA issued a document about the elections at the end of March in which it listed all the conditions which must be ful-filled before the organization considers that democracy exists. "The Basque people want peace", said the document. "This means the creation of a minimum number of democratic points which the people can use

to realize their aspirations without having to resort to vioence." They are: legalization of all political parties and trade unions; coexistence of the Basque language and Castilian political as the official languages; recognition of the independence of Euskadi (the Basque country); Rheumatism

> bodies" (the police and para-military Civil Guard). However, ETA is demanding only that anmesty and basic freedoms be stranted before the elections. ETA realizes that the programme in its entirety is

"If these two conditions are fulfilled then we will try to go forward to democracy with the people, participating in the legal

channels", said the ETA spokes-man. Otherwise the campaign " the hardest possible." ETA's most spectacular action since it was formed in 1959 was the assassination of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, then the

Lack of knowledge often causes long waits for patients, many of them, therefore, turn to unorthodox methods of treat-Prime Minister, in December 1973. The ETA spokesman ment. A new patient has to wait on average nearly five weeks to see a consultant. proudly admitted to me that none of those responsible for the explosion, which caused his car to be lifted 130 feet into the rheumatic patient to be admitted to hospital varies from courtyard of a Jesuit church, had yet been caught. The ETA three and a half weeks in the North-east to two-and-a-half months in north-west London. leader said he had been a militant for nine years and that Of every thousand people on family doctor's list 152 see him with a rheumatic complaint each year. The doctor will, on

Admiral Carrero was killed because "he was the only person who could continue the Franco regime". "We are capable of doing more than this. If we do not it is because we do not believe in it." Since General Franco's death

16 months ago ETA has claimed responsibility for at least 18 deaths including that of Senor Juan Araluce, the head of the provincial delegation of Guipozsists, and is disturbing. The limited availability of consultants on Merseyside and in the lines) and a member of the Passes the countries. South-west, West Midlands and | Council of the Realm, the country's highest advisory body. An estimated seven ETA members have been killed by police since

the dictator died. To date the Government's widening of its amnesty has benefited 48 ETA members and about 30 are still in prison. So far no ETA members have been released who took part directly in crimes of violence and it is

thought unlikely that they will

The moral and actual support

Basque country.

The ETA military wing was so well organized (based on a system of cells) that members often did not know their colleagues, he said. He refused to give the number of members. Politically ETA was socialist and wanted "a dictatorship of the people over the oligarchy" with "a state of the people".

The ETA leader said there

Although ETA might pass from the "offensive" to the defensive", the military wing of the organization (there is also a political one) will not be disbanded, said the spokesman. "We will always continue to be military because although there might be democratic freedoms and an amnesty people might demand autocomy in demon-strations and the Civil Guard

France and tross the frontier to take action. Now militants live in Spain as the French police are cooperating with their Spanish colleagues in rooting out members: something they were reluctant to do under

The ETA leader said that the organization would always cam-paign for independence, but if events showed that the Basque people (in Spain) found autonomy sufficient then they would give up their struggle He denied that ETA received

retaints and the Civil Guard retaints by shooting people. In which case we would immedi-ately kill one of them."

Also "in the case that there

another confrontation like there was in 1935 (the Spanish civil war) or in Chile (the fell of Allende) we will be pre-

that ETA has enjoyed over the years has been considerable. closely knir Basque community was always notoriously tightlipped whenever ETA carried out an action and police made

investigations.

The ETA leader admitted

There was a time when some ETA militants used to live in

were cooperating as the French Government was worried by ETA's demands for three French Basque provinces to be joined with the four Spanish ones to form an independent

had been contacts with the Government several months ago, to negotiate the terms of the security precautions were not

# Strauss plea for closer links with **America**

From Our Correspondent Berlin, April 12

The international political scene has reached its most dangerous period since the end of the Second World War, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the Christian Social Union (CSU), believes. The United States has not fully regained competence of action, he said in an interview with Die Welt. Europeans were but an economic factor in world politics, not a political, let alone a military

Herr Strauss foresaw the danger of American and European policies drifting agart, a natural and understandable interest of Soviet power politics. Though emphasizing that he was opposed to thinking in national terms, he said that West Germany had to consider seriously whether a Europe drifting towards a socialist future was still a worthwhile

political goal.

The "strong man" in the CDU-CSU alliance talked of the urgency of working again for a real parmership between the United States and Europe in foreign policy.

Agreement could be reached, he said, on a free economic world order, the rejection of a worldwide cartel on raw metrials, a reshaping of the Atlantic defence concept, the joint battle for human rights as an integrated part of detente policy, and the willingness of Euro-peans to share, on a regional basis and as partners, world-wide responsibility with America.

Criticizing Bonn for what he

saw as a practically non-existent foreign policy, Herr Strauss still supported Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, in his resistance to President Carter's demand for an inflationary policy and on his firmness on keeping the agreement with Brazil on nuclear equipment. "We are partners of the Americans and not there to take orders from

could be expected to become more active in foreign policy debates in the Bundestag. He said the CDU-CSU had no one to take the place of a foreign minister in a shadow Cabinet but there were several experi-enced and reliable politicians

attitude and orientation towards foreign policy of the joint caucus", he added in all modesty.

## nuclear plant upheld by court From Our Correspondent

Bavarian rheinfeld in the Schweinfurt

# **ACP** countries press EEC

three' issued

rent assessment committees are usually biased, because of their professional backgrounds, in favour of high property values, Mr Frank Allaun, chairman of the Labour Party's housing committee, told the Young Socialists conference at Blackpool yesterday. A "sherp attack on terrants" heing mounted would

The leaflets also gave details of a motor cycle used in the machine gun attack on Herr Buback's car in Karlsruhe last Thursday, and of a silver-grey Alfa Romeo in which the killers made their getaway. The car was found abandoned at Sach-senheim, near Ludwigsburg,

Herr Schmidt, the Federal Chancellor, will address mourners at the state funeral tomorrow for Herr Buback and his driver who was also killed.

for better trade links Developing countries from countries the Prime Minister Africa, the Caribbean and the Stressed to Mr Dell that the Pacific (ACP) asked to Mr Dell that the pean Community here today for

firm decisions about trade between them. The request was made at a meeting between Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the Fijian Prime Minister, who is presi-dent of the ACP Council of Ministers, and Mr Edmund Dell,

Britain's Secretary of State for Trade, who is president of the EEC Council of Ministers. It followed strong criticism of the EEC yesterday by Sir Kamisese Mara, who said the Community had adopted an un-generous and unyielding atti-

reached the stage where they expected decisions", a Fijim Foreign Ministry spokesman

The ACP and EEC councils meet together tomorrow to dis-cuss relations between them.

poor countries were fading 50 the developing countries had ro rely more on themselves.

## Church occupiers ignore order rolls of watchers or donors of Cardinal Marty refuses to con-

dionalists occupying the church of St Nicolas du Char-donnet, in the Latin Quarter, since February 27 expected to fight eviction today. But no police turned up to enforce the decision of the Paris court of April 1, which gave them 10 days to leave voluntarily or be expelled by force if necessary. The main doors were shur

against any surprise attack. A few determined looking uoung men, wearing a Sacred Heart badge, controlled admittance couple of dozen faithful, young and old, and a few seminarists

from Econe, the traditionalist seminary of Mgr Lefebyre, the former Archbishop of Dakar, knelt in prayer before the high altar, reinstated in its pre-conciliar role. The host was exposed on it in a monstrance amid a profusion of flowers

and tapers.

The "Kitchen table" in the transept, which had displaced the high alter in the new liturgy, had been removed.

A steady stream of people

offerings in support of the tra template.

ogy to denounce the ways of the modern church, which was to follow the evening Mass, at which Mgr Ducaud-Bourget the instigator and organizer of the occupation of St Nicholas,

real likelihood of force being used to put an end to the occu-pation of the church. The Paris court which ruled it illegal and also indicated its distaste for such a solution.

sant situation for all concorned". He appointed mediator, M. Jean Guinzon, of the French Academy, the catholic philosopher, who was given three months to produce a

After meeting Mgr Ducaud-Bourger, Fether Bellego, and interpretation. It attributes the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Marty, M Guitton was ority as to church laws, like

recently that to allow the tra-ditionalists to have a church of

four or five traditionalis priests who minister to the needs of the new congregation told me: "Many Catholic today are in deep distres They do not understand who is happening in their Church The conciliar texts are like th decisions of Pope Paul VIis that all the rites and teaching of the Church should respect Catholic doctrine.

"We are not a party in the Church. We are battling for the Church should respect to the Church of the Church of the Church of the Church of the characters."

the Church, not for ourselve. The obligation to say the ne Mass is based on an abusit ority as to church laws like the buil of 1570 of Pius V la

# Lack of crime records 'hindered social work' By Our Social Services ren the following year. He made clear to a social worker who, visited him in Grendon psychiatric prison that he would challenge the council's assump-

A recommendation that the Home Office should tell police forces to make parents' criminal records more widely available to social workers will be considered tomorrow by Surrey Social Services Committee.

The recommendation is in a report on a girl aged 15 and a boy aged 12 who were sexually assaulted by their father last year, less than a month after the council had relinquished parental rights on the

The father has been jailed for life. The report arises from an internal inquiry by Mr R. S. J. Potter, Surrey's director of social services, and Mr A. N. Mundy, deputy clerk. They conclude that the social

scrice department made several mistakes in handling the case, but that decision were hampered by social workers' heavy case loads and by lack of information about the father's criminal record. The report refers to the father throughout as "H".

The three children of H's first marriage were first taken into care by Surrey in 1968, after their mother had died and H was in prison. They were offi-cially fostered by their grandparents and Surrey assumed lar advising it to be done.

# Man stole his mother's credit

A man said by his counsel to have stolen his mother's Barclaycard to get money to buy heroin was placed on probation for a year at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. Robin James Marchesi, aged 26, a writer, of Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Reading, pleaded guilty to a total of 13 offences of theft or obtaining money or meals

by deception. He also admitted illegally possessing heroin and canabis resin. It was made a condition of his probation that he stays at an Oxford drug clinic.

Miss Gillian Cooper, aged 21,
of Elm Corner, Othham, Surrey,
who accompanied Mr Marchesi
to Holland after he had stolen the Barclaycard, was pieced on a year's probation for three offences of deception.

## Campaign to help disabled urged

A campaign to help more disabled people to find jobs was urged yesterday by Mr Grant, Under-Secretary of Grant, Under-Secretary of State for Employment. He has asked the chairmen of more than 200 disablement advisory committees to consider what can be done to encourage employers to offer more opportunities the Manpower Services Com-mission and the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Disabled People will shortly publish a guide to encourage the development of positive employment policies

### Journalists stay out

Sixty journalists of the East Midlands Allied Press Group in Northamptonshire voted yes-terday to continue their 18-week-old strike, until nine colleagues, who resigned from the National Union of Journalists during the dispute, rejoin the union.

### Murder charge

Cyrus Hoare, aged 53, of Herodsfoot, Cornwall, was charged at Liskeard yesterday, with the murder of his brother, Cyril Hoare, aged 68, of Pol-perro, and bis sister-in-law Doris Hoare, aged 70. Both were found shot on Sunday.

### Hungry prisoners

More than ninety prisoners at Acklington prison, Northumberland, have gone on hunger strike for bigger helpings at

# suspended

Correspondent Guidance by the High Court is urgently needed on what justifies suspension of a prison sentence, Mr Brian Harris, legal editor of Justice of the Peace, says in the journal's latest issue. Further restrictions may be most experience of sex necessary in the categories of offender eligible for a suspended sentence, Mr Harris says. "Many offenders regard a suspended sentence as a let-

offence." allowed to direct that a small part of the sentence should be served forthwith and the balance suspended. But he thinks the original concept of the sentence has stood up quite

well and has been strengthened

## **RSPCA** rescues oiled seabirds

A team of helpers at the RSPCA's national seabird cleaning unit near Taunton, Somer-set, have started cleaning 250 oiled birds rescued from an oil slick 18 miles long off Flam-borough Head, Humberside. Yesterday 760 birds, mainly guillemots and razorbills, were

# Guide sought on prison sentences By Our Home Affairs

off, particularly where another offender receives a heavy fine for a slightly less serious the idea that a court should be

washed ashore, and many more were expected on the incoming tide. About half were dead.

Modern sex precepts challenged in new booklet By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent A booklet on sex education that challenges almost every modern precept on the subject was published yesterday. It argues that sex outside marriage the publication is being borne is destroying civilization, that by two undisclosed charities, masturbation is harmful to the one said to be a Christian conargues that sex outside marriage individual and society, that to practise homosexuality is an philanthropic organization. abuse of God's gift of sex, that abortion is murder, and that ized by some psychiatrists who

trated with cartoons by David poor, unhappy people they Lock. The authors are Dr are", he said. Ernest Claxton, formerly printipal assistant secretary of the is that sex is for marriage, and British Medical Association, and marriage is for children. Sex the Rev James Fry, Vicar of should be reserved as a pro-

Chalk, Gravesend, who teaches at a comprehensive school. creative force and a joy that at a comprehensive school. A first issue of four thousand copies is being sold by Grosvenor Books through retailcern and the other a general

teachers who show young people say it could harm young people sex education books describing by fostering psychological difsexual intercourse in detail are taking part in a conspiracy to destroy the family.

ficulties over sex. The criticism was dismissed by Dr Claxton at the publisher's launching in Tomorrow's Parents is written London yesterday. "I have live for others and exercise for adolescents and is illus-known many psychiatrists, and their creativity in their work,

creates a happy family. The booklet is written in the form of letters and conversations between twins and their godfather, Uncle Frank, a

Spring clean: A workman cleaning a clock face while Big

Ben is being overhauled. The clock, which was stopped on

Girls from the South 'have

Girls from the South are the end as a result have "slightly most sexually experienced in fewer" lovers than women from the South

Questionnaires on which the

survey was based were com-pleted by what the magazine

describes as a representative sample of 290 unmarried women

between the ages of 18 and 26.

The survey found that 89 per cent of those questioned used some form of contraceptive, con-

doms being more popular in the North than the South. But the pill represented 86 per cent of

Birth control was more likely to be used by highly educated girls. Among A level school-leavers 97 per cent used contraceptives, compared with 84 per cent of those who left school before taking O-level

examinations. But, the survey says, the more education a girl has the more likely she is to consider involvement with a

foreigner or a man of a different

Only 7 per cent said they had ever experienced feelings for another woman. According to

Honey, such feelings are more than twice as likely to be expressed by girls from the South.

all contraceptives used.

April 4, is due to be restarted on April 17.

Britain and they gain their

experience earlier according to

a survey published in Honey

magazine today. The rarest

virgin is a middle-class southern

girl working away from home,

is more usual in the South, with

intercourse under the age of 16

commonest among working-class

southern girls who left school

without O levels. The survey,

Sex and the Single Girl, was

carried out for the magazine by the Schlackman Research Organ-

It says that more than ninetenths of single British girls aged between 18 and 26 wish to

get married one day, but a third of them claim to be still virgins.

A fifth of the non-virgins say they have had sexual experience

before they were 16 years old.

According to the survey sexual lovalty among women living with a man is strongest

among middle-class southern

women who stayed at school for A levels. Northern women tend

i to gain sexual experience later,

Under-age sexual experience

the magazine says.

Asked by the twins: "There are lots of people who don't marry and many married people who don't have children. What about them?" Uncle Frank replies: "Basically the creative instinct is for the continuation of the race, but it is also for the enrichment of life. People, whether married or single, who art, or other useful ways find that they are free from the demand for the physical aspects

"People who have not got

lust, are prone to indulge in sex activity. But this is not necessary."

purpose in life and probably spoil a future stable mar-riage."

The last section of the book is a letter from the twins mother to Uncle Frank, thanking him for the transformation brought about by his advice. The twins no longer squabble it says, their rooms are tidy,

they help with the housework they have both passed their O levels and they take an intelligent interest in world affairs. Tomorrow's Parents (Grosvenor

that when the people stopped lending their moral support the time would have come to change their military tactics.
Morele was higher than ever. Morele was higher than ever.

It is better than ever for we are getting some of the things we want. For three years the police have not been able to touch us, he said. His girl companion, who crossed the frontier from Spain to meet me, tapped the table at this moment as if to say " rouch wood."

There was a time when some

a total amnesty; an end to exile: the right to demonstrate; and the abolition of "repressive It was logical that the French

any money or help from other countries. There had been some contacts with the IRA but no aid from them. Money came from bank robberies, kidcame from bank robberies, kid-nap ransoms and from people. The ETA leader admitted that their last bank robbery was earlier this vear in Amorebieta when £115,000 were stolen. "This kind of money lasts a short time. We need a lot of

Bernard Levin, page 12 tion.

# Descriptions of 'Karlsruhe

Wiesbaden, April 12.—Police today distributed 50,000 leaflets giving descriptions of three men wanted for questioning about the murder of Herr Siegfried Buback, West Ger-many's chief public prosecutor.

private landlords. The property speculators and Conservative Party leaders are demanding higher rents.
"They also want to interfere with the security of tenure for tenants of private landlords. Tory housing spokesmen are demanding a victous cut in council house subsidies, which would necessitate further heavy

rent rises. "Trade unionists will regard an increase in rents as a reduc-tion in real wages and act accordingly." To erode rent control would drive rents through the roof because of the severe housing shortage. "So long as this shortage remains so also must rent control." Fair rents being fixed by

many rent assessment comm

tees, were far too high.

Of boys who are "always after the girls", he says: "They are ignorant, stupid and plain selfish. Furthermore, if at their age they develop womanizing habits they'll risk disease and fail to find a clear and decent

this freedom, or victory over Books, 25p).

them.", he added.

The full page interview implied that Herr Strauss

in this field.

"However, I exercise an adequate influence on the

# Decision to build

Berlin, April 12 The administration court of Würzburg ruled today that the Government was within its rights when it approved the construction of a nuclear power plant at Grafen-

district.
The city of Schweinfurt and but they had soon broken down others had filed a suit against because the Government wanted the Government claiming that amnesty. "For us it is not negotiable, and the Government is afraid that we will act."

sufficiently observed. A total of DM1,500m (£375m) has already been spent on construc-

The ACP council decided to adopt later in the week a pro-gramme to improve trade and other cooperation between them. Sir Kamisese Mara said earlier that hopes of a new relationship between rich and

tude to third world exports.

Paris, April 12. The Roman Catholic tra-Chairs were being arranged in rows in one of the side chapels for a lecture in theol-

There has never been any through a side door.

Inside the dimy lit church there was no sign of tension. A police to enforce the judgment, police to enforce the judgment.

This, the court's president said, "would create an unplea-

came in, asking for informs in Rome last week to obtain the bull of 1570 of Pius V lation about services, and put the approval of the Vatican for ing down irrevocably for a ting their names down on the a compromise solution, which time the ligurgy of the Mass.

The Cardinal has said

their own where they could worship as they pleased would amount to giving official approval to a schism. A lover of tradition, M Guit ton is also a close friend of the Pope, who publicly wisher him prompt success in his efforts on Easter Monday. Father Servalda, one of th

they are ambiguous. All we as

# Strauss overseas for closer Mr Carter listens to music in his links with office while speed-reading America through files of policy document the records she feeds into the active part for three and hours. Interestingly in the records she feeds into the hours. Interestingly in the records she feeds into the hours. Interestingly in the records she feeds into the policy: through files of policy documents

Scathing comments at the expense of his most prominent Cabinet members, all against a constant background of classical nusic—this is the novel office view of President Carter behind the famous smile. The President allowed a Time

magazine reporter, as he has also allowed a television network for broadcast later this week, to depict a day in his off at 6.45 am and back for

dinner with family by 7 pm (but no longer home for lunch), Mr Carter is depicted as having much more of rough and tumble of trade-offs and bargains than he would like.

He is a voracious reader; he perused items totalling 1,384 pages one recent week, his secretary recorded.

He is rather proud of completing a recent speed-reading course with his family; and the Carters now rip along at 1,200 Mr Carter is depicted as having

Carters now rip along at 1,200 words a minute. The final examination consisted of reading, in one evening three books, including Of Mice and

Mr Carter is fond of selfimprovement, we are told. His secretary gives him an index of the records she feeds into the hi-fi set, including both popular and classical music, so that Mr

Cart classical music, so that Mr

Cart classical music, so that Mr Carter can make mental notes of what he hears while speeding through the documents.

His very close assistants are Mr. Hemilton Lorder and Mr.

his very close assistants are Mr Hamilton Jordan and Mr Jody Powell, both youthful, loyal retainers from his Georgia days. They are always around.

The scathing comments are exchanges with Mr Jordan, Mr Michael Blumenhal, the Treasury Secretary, and Dr Charles Schukze, chairman of the Council of Economic Additional Charles and the Council Charles and Charles a visers, have sent the President a memorandum insisting that they be consulted in full, and in advance, before any final decisions are made on the President's controversial energy policy which is to be autounced next week.

"They treat me like I'm an idiot", Carter says to Jordan.
Do they think I would make a policy without consulting the other members of the Cabinet?" "I gather you think you're competent to do the job?" Jordan asks with a grin.

The Time reporter was not, it seems, permitted inside a meeting on the energy policy. It lasted five and a half hours, with the Decident relations.

son men, were Mr Jordan and Mr Powell.

Dr James Schlesinger, the Energy Adviser and formulator of the apparemly rough policy, was the butt of the meeting, but he could look after him-

They were talking about raising prices for energy, and the political fall-out. Mr Carter was admiring. "They really took a lot of shots at Schlesinger but he defended himself well. He's a very smart man."

The other Cabinet officer slighted was Mr Cyrus Vance Secretary of State. Dr Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Adviser, came in to say that "The Algerians are interested in better relations with us?. This prompted Mr Carter to telephone Vice-President Mondale. "With an edge of irritation in his voice, Carter says 'I want to tell Cy [Vance] and Zbig that I want them to move in every possible way to get in every possible way to get Somalia to be our friend.
We're just sitting around', he tells Mondale, 'I've told Cy that

Mr Young

sees good in

Cuban role

Washington, April 12.—Mr Andrew Young, the American

representative at the United Nations, said today that America should not be alarmed

by communist activity in Africa.

At a meeting with journalists
Mr Young repeated his assertion that the estimated 13,000
Cubans in Angola were playing
a stabilizing role, and added

that they were protecting American-owned Gulf Oil instal-

lations in Cabinda from attacks

launched from Zaire.-Reuter.

# Dr Owen comes to crucial point in Africa tour

Maputo, April 12

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, flew from Maputo to Cape Town tonight for the most crucial part of his southern African tour after a day of talks African tour after a day of talks with leaders in Mozambique that Dr Owen described as very successful."

It is now evident that his dis-

cussions with the South African and Rhodesian prime ministers in Cape Town tomorrow will decide whether it is worth pushing ahead with his proposals to hold a new independence conference on Rhodesia, and whether he will extend his present in what is a light of the state of th sent journey to include Salis-

bury.

After the completion of the second leg of his tour, Dr Owen appeared satisfied with the way his talks had gone in Tanzania and Mozambique, in spite of some hard talking yesterday with Mr Robert Mugabe, one of the joint leaders of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front. He had expected greater registance to

expected greater resistance to some of his suggestions. Briefing journalists on his RAF VC10 aircraft after leaving Maputo, Dr Owen said he had found President Machel "very positive" on two of the central issues they had discussed.

greater American involvement in helping to underwrite any constitutional package that may eventually be agreed upon, and acceptance by the Mozambicans that a new constitutional conference must include the four nationalist groups who atten-ded last year's Geneva talks," he said.

These are the two organizations headed by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Mugabe, who make up the Patriotic Front alliance, the United African National Council led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and the faction headed by the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole.

According to British sources, both President Machel and President Nyerere, of Tanzania, whom Dr Owen saw yesterday, are prepared to qualify their support to the Patriotic Front, as the force that is carrying out the fighting in Rhodesia, recognizing that all shades of opinion should be represented at a conference to decide the country's constitutional future.

During his discussions Dr Owen emphasized that the British Parliament could not be expected to approve a new con-stitution for Rhodesia unless

This is an issue, hower over which Dr Owen and Mr Mugabe were in disagreement

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when they met yesterday. Mr Mugabe laid down a set of conditions under which the Patrio-tic Front would be prepared to take part in a constitutional

One was that the talks should be between only Britain and the Patriotic Front. This is a problem which the British delegation does not regard as in-tractable, however. The feeling is that, if a conference was called, both Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo would be there, whoever else was present. There is no way the British side could agree to deal with the Patriotic

Cape Town: Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said here today that he would go to the talks tomorrow with Dr Owen and Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister,

with an open mind. In an interview published this afternoon, he said he would be trying tomorrow to convince Dr Owen to visit Rhodesia because this was-clearly the best way of solving the issue. "If he is not prehonesty and the purpose and seriousness of his visit", he

sansonry: A winte knodesion train guard was killed yester-day by African nationalist guerrillas who attacked the goods train on which he was goods train on which he was working. The attack occurred near Bannockburn, nearly half-way between Gwelo, in the south, and Reurenga, which is on Rhodesia's direct rail link with South Africa.

The dead guard was named as Mr Keith Feldtman, aged 20 and single from Bulgwayo,

as Mr Keith Feldtman, aged 20, and single, from Bulawayo, according to the military communique disclosing the attack, the guerrillas used small arms but unconfirmed reports said had been abducted, also said In another Easter incident guerrillas in the south-western

operational area abducted or recruited about 150 black civilians and took them, under armed escort, across the border into Botswana.

There have been several similar actions in the southwest in recent months, some of them involving schoolchildren, and they are believed to have been carried out by the military wing of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), whose president is Mr Nkomo.

32 narrow escapes in Zagreb air zone

From Dessa Trevisum Zagreb, April 11 Thirty two marrow escapes between airliners were reported in the Zagreb air space during the last five years, two senior flight control officers on trial here disclosed today. In that time Zagreb became the second busiest air crossroads in

Europe. Eight air traffic controllers Eight air traffic controllers on duty last September when a British Airwaya Trident and a Yugoslav DC9 collided, killing 176 people, are charged with negligence and failure to obey instructions, coming late to work and not using the standard English terminology.

Ante Delic, chief of the regional air traffic control, said that the complaints received and acted upon came mainly from Yugoslav pilots. Two controllers were dismissed for carelessness and for lack of training.

During this five-year period there had been 700,000 flights in the Zagreb air region.

Both Mr. Delic and Milan Munjas, in charge of the air slack over rules and discipline, but said the rapidly expanding air traffic did create problems particularly as regards trained personnel and technical equipment.

According to Mr Delic, the Zagreb centre needed 40 trained air controllers and was making

In this respect, Yugoslavia was behind other advanced European states, but since the disaster this state of affairs had

been radically improved.

Mr Delic described Mr Tasic, the chief defendant, as an excellent air controller. He recalled him saving an aircraft from dieseter by warning the from disaster by warning the pilot that the undercarriage was not down only seconds before it landed.

At the time of the disaster, Mr Tasic was alone as his assistant, also on trial, was 10 minutes late for work. He was handling 11 flights, regarded as the maximum, but thought he

could cope.
The trial is expected to lest

# Mrs Thatcher hears **English lesson**

Shonghai, Aprill 12 Margaret strended an English lesson at Shanghar's main university today during which articles from The Times were used as eaching material.

Mrs Thatcher and her party,

who arrived here today by train from Hangchow, heard the English teacher tell his which described the bad state of consumer goods and service industries in the Soviet Union. Akhough the performance had been planned in advance, the exchange between teacher and students was quite lively by comparison with the stilted and carefully rehearsed English class which Mr Edward Heath was shown during his visut to Peking University in 1974. The choice of teaching material was presumably in response no Mrs. Thatcher's known anti-Soviet

The Times-an issue of last February was also on display in the students' reading room together with The Guardian Weekly and the New Statesman, but it was not clear how many students saw fit to read here.

research workers losely on technical matters. The campus at Fudan Joiversity had been cleaned campus

had been piling up there for several months. It appears that the more lax political atmosphere prevailing since the purge of the so-called "gang of four" last October affected the students normal zeal in cleaning their command seal in

cleaning their own campus.

British journalists were later taken to the Shanghai docks and given a detailed briefing on the events last year during which the municipal leadership Edunand Stevens, the Moscow malitia, through the trade which described the had militia, through the trade unions, to rise against the Pek-ing leadership headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Spokesmen at the docks said that the new disgraced city leadership succeeded for some five days in preventing the people of Shanghai from learning that Chiang Ching, Chairman Mao Teature's widow man Mao Tseome's widow, and other members of the "gang of four" had been arrested on the instructions of Chairman Hua.

The people learnt the truth through foreign radio broadcasts and demanded the dismissal of the gang's supporters who controlled the city, the spokesman said Spokesman sam.

Commons question: Dr'David'

Owen, the Foreign Secretary is
facing questions in the Commons about Mrs Thatcher's

hem.

Mrs Thatcher, who holds a legree in chemistry, spent tearly an hour looking at rientific instruments and given a Roysin Office height 2 Office briefin before she left, whether she would report back on her visit, The campus at Fudan and what effect the minister thought her speeches would exempt, according to informed have on British-Soviet and sources who said that garbage British-Chinese relations.

# Mrs Gandhi takes blame but keeps party reins

Dress Elfrom Our Correspondent

Mrs Indira Gandhi. ormer Prime Minister of India, oday accepted full responsi-ility for the Congress Party's out in the recent general lection. Addressing a meeting of Congress's working com-wittee, the party's highest olicy-making body, Mrs andis said: "I unreservedly responsibility for the

efeat."

Before opening the three-day the defeat, leeting to analyse the defeat, irs Gandhi circulated a letter sich seid it was a matter of brow that Congress had lost, it it is good that the change om one government to the om one government to the has been peaceful and We respectfully bow to the

rdict of the people and we she the new government stahity and success in the service the people", she wrote. Before the working committee ting, there were accusations counter-accusations. Mrs ndbi and her followers deinded that there should be no Rest on the elections; their conents said responsibility for defeat should be placed tarely on the guilty, particuly Mr Sanjay Gandhi, Mrs adhi's son, and Mr Bansi Lal, mer Defence Minister. t is now more or less certain t Mr Brahamanda Reddy, the in June.

former Home Minister, will be the next President of the Congress Party. He is from the south, where the party swept the Lok Sabha polls, and he is said to be acceptable to Mrs Gandhi.

Mr Reddy will take over from Mr Dev Kanta Barooah who, under a compromise formula, will be allowed to continue until the all-India Congress committee session that is being convened next month.

There was a belated move in favour of Mr Y. B. Chavan, the former External Affairs Mini-ster, as Congress Chief, combining the post of Congress president with that of leader of the parliamentary party, but there was very little support for

One thing that has become evident is that Mrs Gandhi still the party and wants to use her opportunity to crowd out the pro-Communist Party of India group from Congress. She is said to think that Congress lost because of the "progressives"

in the party.

Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime
Minister, confirmed today to
Lord Thomson, the former Commonwealth Secretary and EEC Commissioner, who is Mr Callagham's personal envoy, that he will attend the Common wealth conference in London

# **Joubt raised by KLM crew** bout runway clearance

view York, April 12.—One of KLM pilots killed in the id's worst airline disaster in Canary Islands last month ed a colleague in the cockwhether the Pan American it collided with had cleared runway, sources close to investigation said yester-

ring 747 jumbo jet was runway. The aircraft, reportedly had not been the question by a member the Dutch crew whether the tway had been cleared was

said to have been obtained from a careful playback of the crash-resistant cockpit voice recorder retrieved from the burnt-out wreckage of the air-

liner.

It was the first evidence that anyone in the crew might have had doubts about whether the rakeoff was cleared One source said the question

was answered with a Durch-accented Yah, but another said the answer was unintelligible In any case, the Dutch air ranged less than 30 last words recorded in the less later with the Pan KLM cockpit, the sources revealed, were: "God damn."
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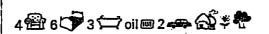


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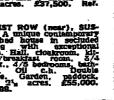
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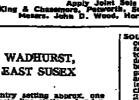
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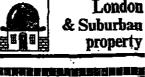
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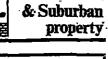
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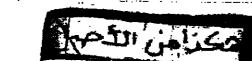
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On Thursday, Mr Pierre Gemayel, the Phalangist leader, is to travel to Damascus for talks with President Assad, who is expected to make it clear to him that the Syrians will no longer tolerate Lebanese Christian attacks south of the Litani River.

It was Syrian military support for the Palestinian guerrillas in the area last week that enabled the Palestinian forces to capture the villages of Taybeh and Whism

Khiam. Last Friday, Colonel Muham-mad al-Kholy, the Syrian delegate to the four-nation Arab League ceasefire committee, told Christian Maronite leaders that the Lebanese ceasefire must be imposed across the whole country, including the border

area with Israel.

The second anniversary of the Lebanese civil war, which claimed almost 40,000 lives, falls tomorrow; and since the con-flict started—with a Christian ambush of a busload of Pales-tinians in a Beirut suburb-there has been scarecly a month in which every part of Lebanonhas been at peace.

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There are signs that Syria has become slightly unnerved by recent political events in Israel, where Mr Shimon Peres's accession to the leadership of the Labour Parts has now ton. the Labour Party has now temporarily superseded the forth-coming Israeli elections as a focus of Arab interest.

Al-Baath, the Syrian Baath Party newspaper in Damascus, announced in an editorial that hawks are back in the driver's seat" in Israel now that Mr Peres has taken over

Syrian and Jordanian minis-ters talk of the possibilities that Israel will start a war in order to avoid making territorial con-cessions on the West Bank, but —at this stage at least—their reported fears should not be taken at face value. Few Arab governments want to appear quite as moderate as President Sadat of Egypt for fear that their tolerance will be inter-preted as political cowardice.

# 'Roots' named as show in US

er : Eilere Long

Los Angeles, April 12.-A six-part dramatization of Alex Haley's book Roots was named last night as American television's best show by the Television Critics' Cricle.

The series, about the origins of slavery in America, won a mal of five awards for individual and programme achievement. Its final instalment was watched by more viewers than any other single programme own on American television. The book has also won a special citation of merit from the National Book Award Committee. It said the best-selling work did not fit into its his-

tory category.
The decision, announced yesterday, was made before a Sunday Times article challenged the historical accuracy of

The committee said that the book transcended the historical and other categories, and pos-sessed "distinguished literary qualities".—Reuter and AP.

### Albanian exile leaves Bangkok

Bangkok, April 12.-Mr Mbret Shquiparvet Leka, the Albanian pretender, left Bangkok early today for Amman, six days after the Thai authori-ties had dropped charges against him of illegal posses-Sources said that the auth-

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About September this year, King Husain of Jordan will at last receive his 14 batteries of Hawk anni-aircraft missiles, worth about £290m, from the United States.

Work is already under way on the Hawk silos in the desert outside Amman. By the end of the year the Royal Jorda-nian Army will have 84 missiles in its armoury and Jordanian officers are due to complete their first Hawk missile training course in America this

The King did undertake a temporary flirtation with Soviet arms suppliers last year when the Saudis initially refused to foot an increased bill for the Hawks, but to the relief of the Western powers (and of the Jordanian Army) his brief glance towards the Russian missile factories came to nothing.

The new American weapons, however, could yet present Jordan with some critical political problems, raised not by a disarmament conscious United States nor by a suspicious Israeli enemy, but by Jordan's neighbors and military. neighbour and military ally,

Last year, when it looked as though the King might put his money on the Soviet Sam air defence system, there was much talk in Amman and Damascus about the need for further military unity. Syrian Sam anti-aircraft missiles could be linked to the Jordanian air defences, so the theory ran, and both countries could react jointly to any Israeli air attack. spoke of the possibility of an priorities. integrated air defence opera- Syrian

integrated air defence opera-tions centre.

No one has suggested that the two armies do not take their cooperation seriously. In the past six months, 14 Syrian Army officers have arrived for miti-tary courses in Jordan and four of them are at present serving in the Jordanian Army Staff College.

College.

The Syrian Chief of Staff regularly visits his opposite number in Amman and the Jordanians—some of whom fought with the Syrians on the Golan Heights in the 1973 Arab-Israel war—have a high opinion of the fighting skill of Syrian troops.

troops.

But the Jordanians are also aware of the differences between their two armies. The Syrians use almost exclusively oviet weapons, while the Jordanians have purchased most of their equipment from America and Britain.

President Assad and King Husain are friends—in 1970 President Assad, the then Air Force Commander, refused to provide Syrian troops with air cover when they entered Jor-dan to help the Palestinian guerrillas. Nevertheless, such friend-ships cannot change an army's

identity. Apart from the missile recruits, 300 Jordanian officers are studying in the United States and 40 in Britain: others attend the military academic Triangle and anny academic of the state of th demy in Taiwan.
This Western training has

prompted some Jordanian officers to regard the Syriaus as a more unwieldy army. They believe, too, that the two

Syrian Sam missiles at pre-sent defend military units and divisional headquarters rather than static targets or towns. Jordanian Hawk missiles will be sited to defend both military positions and American

positions and Amman.

Even if the two systems could be linked, Jordanian officers suspect there might be little time to discuss tactics if

little time to discuss tactics if war broke out.

As a diplomatic source pur it:

"When you talk about a joint command between Jordan and Syria, you have to remember that Amman and Damascus are only three minutes flying time from Israeli airfields."

The Jordanians have another important reason for disliking the idea of a Jordanian-Syrian air defence command. Some

air defence command. Some Jordanian officers apparently believe that Syria is not as poli-tically stable as King Husain's

They realize that Syrian officers are more politically motivated than their Jordanian counterparts. And if President Assad should one day fall, the Jordan-ians do not want the wrong man reading Jordan's military secrets off a lighted screen. Amman, April 12.—King Busain will fly to Washington for talks with President Carter on April 25, it was announced

on April 25, it was announced bere today.—Reuter.

Owen visit: Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, is to visit Egypt from April 24 to 26 and Syria from April 26 to 27, the Foreign Office eonounced vesterday (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). He is expected to go to Israel later, probably in July.

# Mr Dayan rejects Likud appeals

Tel Aviv, April 12

The opposition Likud party, which is now enjoying its best prospect of bearing the Labour group in the May parliamentary election, failed early today to entice Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister, to quit the ruling party and stand as a Likud candidate.

Mr Dayan and Mr Ezer Weiz-man, a Likud member, con-ferred until the early hours in Mr Dayan's home here after it was announced that Labour was nominating Mr Dayan for another term in the Knesset. The former minister has been critical of Labour's call for territorial compromise with Jordan and restrictions on

A Likud source said Mr Dayan was ready to cross over if Likud would interpret its policy about the future of the West Bank of the Jordan to mean the area would not be annexed as long as peace talks with the Arabs were not exhausted.

The party's present view is that Israeli sovereignty should extend from the Mediterranean to the Jordan River and the Likud representatives told Mr Dayan that annexation does not have to be immediate, but they could not accept Mr Dayan's formula.

Mr Dayan refused to discuss details of the talks, but said he failed to find common ground

Jewish settlement in occupied with Likud leaders. Mr Ben areas. Porat, who was with Mr Dayan at the meeting, said he could not join Likud because he opposed annexacion and he will stand for election as an inde-

> Meanwhile, Mr Zadok, Minister of Justice, has acknow-ledged that the ruling by the Attorney General that Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, who has resigned the leadership of his party, must remain in office until a new Cabinet is formed after the election should be reviewed. He said he would appoint a committee of constitutional experts to see whether the law should be amended, but there would not be enough time for any amendments to affect the present case.

# Soviet-Japanese fish talks break down in Moscow

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, April 12

with the Soviet Union in a new round of talks in Moscow have broken down over a longstanding territorial dispute between the two countries, the Japanese The deadlock, which has forced about 7,000 Japanese

vessels to traditional abandon trawling grounds within the Soviet Union's new 200-mile coastal zone for 12 days, relates to Japan's claims to four north-ern islands in the Kurile chain that were occupied by Russian troops after the Second World

hurst over coastal waters round the four islands, a move that attempts to would force Japan to waive its claims

> -Takeo Fukuda, the ime Minister, Japanese Prime assured Parliament this week that his Government would refuse to recognize an interim fishing agreement that preju-diced Japan's claims to the four islands north of Hokkaido.

Moscow: Mr Alexander Ishkov, the Soviet Fishing Minister, blamed Japan for the breakdown of the talks. "Un-fortunatly, the Japanese side began ignoring completely the rights of the Soviet Union to determine the organization of According to the Japanese fishing in its coastal regions and cast doubt on our sovereign adamant that the new fishing right over the relevant fish agreement must recognize the resources", he said. Talks jurisdiction were continuing.-AP.

# 'Moon children' win appeal

The three judges stayed a March 24 order by a superior court judge that had made the parents conservators of their children. The earlier decision followed an 11-day public hearing that revolved around the issue of whether the young adults had been "brainwashed"

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San Francisco, April 12—A by the Unification Church and state court of appeals has should be "deprogrammed" freed five young adult fol from that religion. The lowers of the Rev Sun Myung appeal judges ruled that the Moon's Unification Church five, all in their twenties, were from the custody of their free to go wherever they from that religion. The appeal judges ruled that the five, all in their twenties, were free to go wherever they wished and to associate with

whom they liked.

The court indicated, in a unanimous decision, that it did not agree with the earlier ruling that parents retained cer-tain rights over their children even after those children became adults.—New York Times News Service.

#### Nigerian attack on BBC Gowon talk

Lagos, April 12.—Nigeria is giving aid to Britain, an official Nigerian newspaper said today in a leading article attacking a recent BBC pro-

gramme on General Yakubu Gowon, the exiled Nigerian leader, and Mr Emeka Odu-megwu Ojukwu, the exiled Bia-Warning Britain of the con-

sequences of hostile propaganda against Nigeria, the Ibadan Daily Sketch, owned by the Western State Government, said that the programme was part of a "carefully orches-trated strategy by the British mass media to shake the confi-dence of Nigerians in their

Government and leaders. It added: "For those who may not know, Nigeria's oil money is part of the United Nations-sponsored oil facility fund from which Britain draws tund from which Britain draws heavily to shore up its ailing economy over which its man-agers have lost control. In other words, Nigeria is now an aid-giver to Britain.".

### Women explorers safe

Bogotá, April 12.-Six British women explorers today emerged safely from a two-mouth trek through unexplored jungle and swamp in north-west Colombia.

# In brief

#### Reasons for 425 kidnaps sought

relatives of several kidnapped Argentines have asked the Supreme Court to investigate the recent disappearance of 425 people including journalists, lawyers, union leaders, students, churchmen, writers, artists and intellectuals.

Armed men claiming to be security agents are reported to have arrested them.

### \$5,000 stitches

Marion, Alabama, April 12—A white doctor, Dr Bobby Merkle, who removed fresh stitches from the injured arm of a black youth when the boy-could not pay his \$25 (£15) fee, was ordered to pay \$5,000 damages by a jury of seven whites and five blacks.

Cairo charges

Cairo, April 12.—Two hundred and ninety-seven people, 110 of them under 18 years of age, were today charged with age, were today charged with sabotage and damaging public property during last January's riots over food price increases. Charges against 953 more are being prepared.

#### Seamen's grouse Tel Aviv, April 12.-The

Israeli merchant seamen's union began an indefinite strike for higher wages today. The 30 per cent rise recently promised marine officers was more than their own 20 per cent award in January, they complained.

### Bombers own up

New York, April 12.-The Puerto Rican extremist group FALN, National Liberation Armed Forces, has claimed re-sponsibility for fire bomb explo-sions last Saturday in three New

### Car as coffin

Los Angeles, April 12.—A judge ruled that Mrs Sandra West, aged 37, a Texas millionairess who died last month may be buried in a lace nightgown in her favourite Ferrari car, in accordance with her last wish.

### Police strike goes on

Quebec. April 12.—A strike by 4,200 Quebec provincial police, demanding two men on duty in each pairol car after a lone policeman was killed last week, went into its sixth day.

# Baseball diplomacy New York, April 12.—An invitation from Dr Castro, the Cuban head of state, for a team of American baseball stars to visit Cuba will probably be

Flood flight

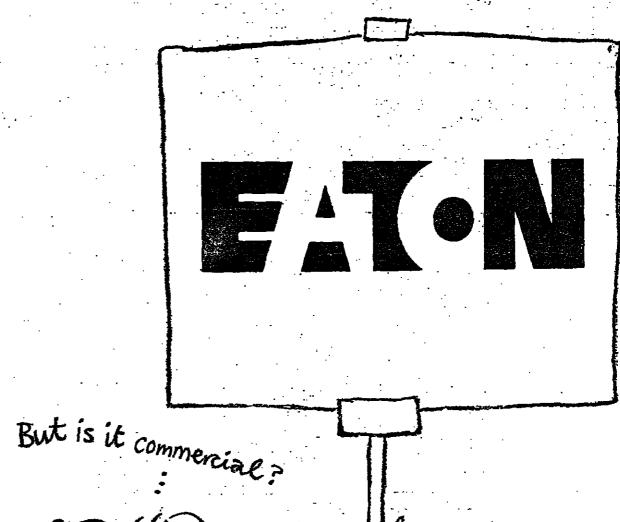
Nairobi, April 12-About 18,000 people have been driven from their homes by floods in low-lying areas of western Kenya, round Lake Victoria.

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# McKay rescues Barbarians just as their cause seems forlorn

Rugby Correspondent Earbarians 22 As wholesome and absorbing a As wholesome and absorbing a game of rugby as I have seen all season came to a remarkable finish in injury time at Rodney Parade yesterday when a try by McKay, coolly converted by Hare from wide out on the left, achieved an henousable draw for the Barbarians after their cause had looked forlors.

rians after their cause had looked forlorn.

Some six minutes of ordinary time remained when the Barharlans, with a try by their French linker, Skrela, pulled up to within six points. About three were left when they seemed to throw away their last chance—Meredith, by some aberration, strange indeed for so capable an all-round footbiller, entangling himself with the Newport full back, with Ripley, as well as McKay, quite unthreatened outside him.

him.

An honest scoreline—hot a penalty goal in sight (or at least rot landed)—left both sides with three goals and a try, and Newrort with their ground record remaining intact this season. Newport, who rested Burcher and reight close, to several further scores but the Barbanians defended stanuchly. It says much for the beart and committeent of a scratch combination, at the end of a hard Easter tour, that they should stick to their guns the end of a hard Easter four, that they should stick to their guns. The Newport pack, big, strong and knowledgeable, is a formid-niele ball-winning combination—nost especially at ruck and maul. But that was an area yesterday where the Barbarians made a considerable and much-needed advince on their performance against burnses on Moniay. Smansea on Monday.

It was appropriate that McKay
chould rescue the day for his side,
because by then he had saved three

tries by his magnificent tackling twice moving across to the other wing to foll Willis in the first half, and once despatching his own man, the trenchant Ken Davies, into touch at the corner in the

The build-up to his piece de résistance looked unpromising as a pass went down in the centre behind a Barbarian line-out won by Wilkinson, but Skrela and Selwyn Williams cannily Selwyn Williams cannily switched a loose ball to the short side. McKay, following up his precise chip ahead at great speed, snatched his try from under the noses of half the Newport pack.

Beatumont and Wilkinson had lost no time in making their presence felt in the opening phase. When they drove through from a Newport drop out Selwyn Williams kicked ahead, Gammell seized his chance in the following and provided an inside scoring pass for Wilkinson. Hare had an easy conversion. Now, against insistent Newport pressure, Barbarians were grateful not just to McKay's cover, but to Hare and Horton for the composure and length of their line kicking.

Leighton Davies missed a very

length of their line kicking.

Leighton Davies missed a very landable penaity for Newport but eventually a nice kick by Rogers, an accomplished stand off, set up a line-out deep in the Barbarians 25 and the hooker, Jones, pounced on a wayward palm by Beaumont for their first try.

David clearly thought he had scored for Barbarians following two drives from Corless, splendidly supported by the English locks, but Mr Norling clearly considered he had "carried over". That was one of several near misses for the visitors about this time, but they yielded the lead on the stroke of the interval, ken Davies setting up a maul and Phillips, a third choice scrum half, making room for Rogers to

by Leighton Davies.

Newport stretched their lead to 16—6 when Headon forced his way over by the posts for another try, converted by their full back. Then Corless, following some unlikely Barbarian manoeuvres in midfield, of a sudden sent Meredith whistling home from a long way out.

way out. Ken Davies had been hurled into Ken Davies had been hurled into the corner flag when a missed pass by Rogers behind a Newport scrummage, and a clever little feed, popped up inside by Headon, had Leighton Davies careering straight through for a try that he himself converted. That made it 22—10, and curtains, seemingly, for the Barburians. Such was home confidence that a voice was heard for the Barbarians. Such was home confidence that a voice was heard to adjure the Lions selectors to send Newport to New Zealand.

Certainly at this stage, a Barbarian revival looked improbable. But Ripley mounted a thrust on the short side of their scrummage to find Wilkinson at his elbow, and Skrela took an inside pass from his captain to storm through and Skrela took an inside pass from his captain to storm through from 40 yards out for the most popular visiting try of the afternoon. Hare, some while before, had mudged a short range penalty wide of the posts, but he now. kicked an imposing goal. And that set the stage for an increasingly heatic climax.

# Gosforth's success not good for support

The continuing success of Gosforth, the dominant team of the John Player Cup in the past two seeds on the support they receive when they meet Waterloo, in Saturday's final at Twickenham. The clash of two northern clubs will produce a crowd of little more than 12.000—around one sivil of the capacity—and the chances are that even some of the most ardent supporters of the Mexicastle club will not be making the long trek south.

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Moseley bring back Cooper

Moseley recall the current

England internationals Martin

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# Surprising anecdote trend broken after long wait

Rugby players have always written fewer autobiographies than those involved in most other major sports. It is a surprising trend when the anecdotes and characters so frequent in rugby are remembered. Watcyn Thomas has waited over 40 years to clapse since he was at the peak of his fame before now providing us with the most readable Rugby-Ploving Man (Pelham Books Ltd, £2.75).

Thomas, who won 14 Welsh caps between 1927 and 1933, was probably the greatest No 8 of his era during a career for Swansea, Waterloo and Lancashire. He cap-Ev Richard Streeton

ably the greatest NO of this eta during a career for Swansea, Waterloo and Lancashire. He cap-tained Wales when they gained their first win at Twickenham in 1933, and will also be remembered by older readers for once scoring a try against Scotland with a during a career for Swansea, Waterloo and Lancashire. He captained Wales when they gained their first win at Twickenham in 1933, and will also be remembered by older readers for once scoring a try against Scotland with a broken collarbone. Later he was a successful schoolmaster and the mixture of humour, memories and scrious comment he provides in his book makes an enjoyable recipe.

The approaching summer break cess, including a French edition. For those who would like to know more about the referee's problems and rugby's laws generally, to say nothing of those who should know more than they do about both, a new guide for referees is warmly recommended. Written by Paul Akon, a Sydney lawser and leading Australian referee Play the Whistle is available from the Welsh Rugby Union, 28-31 St Mary Street, Cardiff, and costs 80p. broken collarbone. Later he was a successful schoolmaster and the mixture of humour, memories and serious comment he provides in his book makes an enjoyable

Hockey

# next year

from March 19 Buenos Aires, April 12.—
Argentina's plans for next year's
world hockey tournament here are
on schedule, hockey association
sources said here yesterday. Fourteen national teams are due to
participate in the tournament. teen national teams are due to participate in the tournament, from March 19 to April 2, 1978. Ten teams, India. Pakistan, West Germany, Malaysia, Australia, England, New Zealand, Spain, the Notherlands and Argentina (host country) have already qualified. The remaining trams will be the first four from the Inter-Continental Cup to be played in Rome from September 23 to October 1 this year.

from September 23 to October 1 filis year.

The fourth World Cup tournament, estimated to cost about \$450,000, will be played at two country club grounds with four hockey pitches each—the Palermo Polo Grounds and the Gimnasia Esgrima Club.

The previous world cup events were won by Pakistan, in Barcelona (1971), The Netherlands in Amsterdam (1973) and India, in Kusla Lumpur (1975).—Renter.

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# World Cup event | Challenge for champions

MCC, in consultation with the England selectors, have given youth a chance in their side for the opening first-class cricket match of the season, against champion county Middlesex, at Lord's beginning Wednesday, April 20.

Geoffrey Miller, the Derbyshire all-rounder, is the only player from the winter tour of India in a side led by Norman Gifford of Worcestershire, at 37 much the oldest player. Apart from Peter Lee, all the rest are under 30.

Two of the team, the Yorkshire batsman Bill Athey and the Somerset all-rounder Ian Botham, were among those sponsored by Whitbread's to gain experience in Australia during the winter. The team is:

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# Results and tables

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Peter Ward (left) and Jeff Bourne scored two goals apiece for Brighton and Crystal

# Millwall's approach more direct

Luten Town 1 Millwall 2
If Luten Town's promotion challenge fails—and it looks now as though it will—they can point an accusing finger at London. Defeat at Chelsea on Saturday, followed by home games against Orient and Millwall that yielded only one point, and Mr Haslam could be excused for thinking that he had upset someone in the Metropolis. In all honesty, they did not deserve to beat Millwall last night. The visitors were better organized and more direct. Luton Town 1 organized and more direct.

The crunch come just before the interval and there was a touch of the bizarre about Millwall's first

the bizarre about Millwall's first goal. Seasman, captaining the visitors against his former club, tried to find Alexander with a long, through ball. It was intercepted by Buckley, but he gently side-footed the ball into his own net with Aleksic stranded. Two minutes later, Alexander made it two when he was on hand to pick up the

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Things became more than a little hectic hereabours with incidents involving first Donaldson and Fucillo, and then Brisley and Fucillo. Brisley, in fact, appeared lucky not to be cantioned. Between the skirmishes, Luton continued to press forward with Price and Buckley shooting wide, Chambers shooting straight at Johns, Geddis heading weakly after a good build up on the right

Chambers missing the chance of a lifetime. He was clear with only Johns to beat, but a gentle side-foot allowed the goalkeeper to make the extra for Miliwall.

With nothing less—than victory any good to them, Luton started the second half at breakneck speed, forcing Milwall to defend desperately. Within four minutes, their pressure paid off, and it was a determined individual effort by Fucillo that gave Luton their first goal in more than five hours football, and brought them right back into the game.

Things became more than a little hectic hereabouts with incidents involving first Donaldson and Fucillo, and then Brisley and make the save. LUTON: M. Aleksic, P. Price, uckley, B. Chambers, J. Fanilmer, utcher, D. Geddis, A. West, utcher, P. Fucilio, J. Aston.

# Cormack penalty sinks Tottenham

By Gareth Bowen Eristol City I, Tottenham Hotspur 0 Tottenham Hotspur 0
There's a rare fight going on down in the depths of division one, where a single goal could mean eventual survival or relegation. Bristol City's penalty, converted exultantly by Cormack in the 65th minute, raised Bristol City to the heights, and poor young Spurs lock in need of a season or two to recuperate in pastures new.

pastures new.

Tottenham have six games left to play, three of them at home and three away. Bristol still have nine matches left—six of them away with possible points to be picked up at Norwich and Stoke but three fiendish attractions at Ashton Gate—Manchester United, Leeds and Liverpool!

Clearly, it is asking a great deal for either of these moderate sides to live through this ordeal—but on tonight's form it is Bristol who deserve another chance.

Not surprisingly, they looked the fresher from the start, having England internationals Martin Cooper and Barry Corless for the game against Bridgend at The Reddings on Saturday after their tour with the Barbarians over Easter. Cooper plays on the wing, a position he filled two weeks ago. Horton, the captain and lock, is rested in preparation for his strenuous three-mouth New Zealand tour with the British Lions

cunningly played their West Bromwich Albion home fixture early last week and only had Saturday's drubbing at Barmingham to lay aside. Spurs, on the other hand, were facing their third game in four days, which had earned them two points from Queen's 'Park Rangers on Saturday and a defeat from Arsenal on Monday. on Monday. Yet the opening exchanges were

Yet the opening exchanges were equally edgy, lots of useless space dividing worried men not particularly anxious for a share of the action. Hoddle, though, seemed immure from this bottom-of-the-table disease, as did winger Peter Taylor, and their running almost persuaded us that Tottenham had come here to score goals. But Bristol City at last settled down to probe the flanks where Whitehead extended the fullbacks Naylor and Holmes, the latter unfortunately hobbling off after 30 minutes with an ankle injury. Keeley took his place in a defence which allowed Bristol the freedom to approach in whatever manner

their fancy took them. Perryman swept up a lot of pressure, but shots did get through: Garland's short-range jab was breasted away, Perryman's shoulder checked a Whitehead special and then a dangerous centre from Whitehead was swallowed up by Daines.

Clearly, Mr Dicks had a word with his cavaliers during the break, because they settled back to test and streich Tottenham's defence. Gow could have scored with only the goalkeeper to beat and Garland put the ball into the net, but with his fist deemed Mr Thomas, the referee.

Fortunately, Cormack's penalty for a trip by Naylor on Whitehead soon followed, and the ex-Liverpool utility player hit the bar a minute later.

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worried the veteran Webster.

Both goalkeepers were penalized during the game for taking too many steps, the referee seeming to pursue an interpretation of his own and to be satisfied once he had made his point. Derby began to dictate the pattern of the second half, with Daly having one shot cleared off the line by Sims and another well sawed by Wallington. James popped up everywhere and Lelcester's chief hope of scoring again was in the quick break.

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LEICESTER CITY: M. Wallington: S. Whitworth. D. Rofe, S. Kember, A. Woolkelt, S. Sims, B. Alderson, J. Sammols, F. Worthington, S. Earle, S. Bicknell.

# Derby make nonsense of league position

is rested in preparation for ms strenuous three-month New Zealand tour with the British Lions and the England Under-23 lock Field takes his place. Moseley still have problems at scrum half and the position is left open again in case the Pontypool scrum half By Gerald Richmond

Leicester City 1 Derby County 1

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their unbeaten run to eight games and climb away from the pack trying to escape relegation. Alderson, gave Leicester an explosive start with a goal after only wortled the veteran Webster. Leicester City's seasons tend to fade gently into oblivion, with far more promise than is achieved, and they were hard-pressed to hold Derby County at Fiibert Street last night. Although Leicester led for 80 minutes, they were constantly driven back into their own penalty area in the second half as Derby began to make nonsense of their troubled league position with some fluent football. When Derby's goal finally arrived six minutes from time, there was a tinge of luck to it.

Powell hoisted in a long, high case the Pontypool scrum half Grey is available.

French, the England reserve centre who toured Wales with the Barbarians over Easter, returns to the Wasps team at centre for their match at Cheltenham on Friday evening. He takes over from Damon. Friday's game will be a farewell outing from the number 8 Legg who returns to New Zealand after one and a half seasons with Wasps. He has been working over here as an accountant. Powell hoisted in a long, high

centre and, as George went up with Wallington, the ball eluded both of them and drifted gently into the net. It was certainly no more than Derby deserved, for they had seen shots saved by all manner of desperate lunges, and the point enabled them to extend

Palace given a

look by Bourne

Crystal Palace 5 Swindon 6
Crystal Palace sept their promotion hopes alive with their biggest win since September, 1974, when Swindon were also the victims of a 6—2 scoreline. Palace took a seventh minute lead through Bourne and three goals in 12 minutes early in the second half put them well in command. Holder (penalty), Graham and Bourne took the tally to four then Harkouk scored the goal of the game 13 minutes from time. Luckless Swindon were reduced to 10 men for the final minutes when O'Brien was carried off injured. Minutes earlier, they had used the substitute McLoughlin.

Mansfield T 1 Shrewsbury T

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Mansfield made their Easter
programme 100 per cent successful by beating Shrewsbury, but it
was an unaccountable piece of
indecision by Shrewsbury's goalkeeper Mulhearn which gave them
the points. In the fifty-eighth
minute Moss flicked a ball forward
and Mansfield's right half McEwan
nipped round and prodded it past
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four minates. He was allowed to reach the edge of the penalty area without facing any demanding challenge and, from there, let fly with a thrilling shot which flew luto the top corner of Boulton's net. Despite an alarming tendency of the wind the middle

net. Despite an alarming tendency to give the ball away in the middle of the field, Derby were not unduly put out by this and, after a long spell of uncertainty, settled to their game.

They lacked a sharp point to the attack. James, who has been in excellent feule since he played so well for Wales against Czechoslovakia, was penetrating down the left and Woollett managed to deflect a shot from the winger deflect a shot from the winger over his own bar with a knee. Woollest and Sims, though, had the middle under control, and

Crooks scores

The result kept alive the hopes of both teams of a successful end

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There was one unfortunate inci-dent when the Bolton fullback

Dunne was carried off after a foul

two to boost

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DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulton: D.
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James.
Roferne: P. N. Willia (County Durham). Walsh gets three goals for Blackpool Stoke's hopes

Stoke City 2 Leeds Utd 1
Garth Crooks, an 18-year-old who used to kick a ball against the office wall of the former manager, Tony Waddington, scored two goals against Leeds United last night that could secure Stoke City's first division place.

The first was a fierce 15-yard angled header from Robertson's cross in the 68th minute—Stoke's first goal in four games. Ten minutes later he stabbed home the second after a neat move between Sheffield 1 Sheffield 1 Blackpool 5
Sheffield United, who had not
lost at home in six games, were
hit by four Blackpool goals in the
first half. Walsh scored three
times with a lob over goalkeeper
Brown and two well-taken headers.
Between his second and third
goals, Hatton scored and three
minu'es after the interval Ronson
curled in a corner kick direct for
the fifth. second after a neat move between Bolton W 0

Hull 1 Hull 1 Blackburn 0
An own goal by a defender, Reeley, saved Hull from completing a goalless Easter, but sent Blackburn to their third defeat over the holiday.

The game had all the hallmarks of a goalless draw, until the 67th minute when Keeley needlessly made a spectaculer diving header to a harmless centre by Bremner. Bradshaw, the Blackburn goal-keeper, had come forward to collect the cross, but it was turned out of his reach and the ball trickled over the line. of both tenms of a successful end to their seasons.

Promotion-seeking Bolton did most of the attacking and played far more assured and controlled football. They looked like scoring on only one occasion when Whatmore broke through in the 74th minute but was foiled by Stevenson.

League Cup finalists have problems

the second League Cup final re-play at Old Traiford tought. The Aston Villa striker, who strained ankle ligaments at Derby on Sarankle ligaments at Derby on Sat-urday, had intensive treatment over the weekend, but the mana-ger, Ron Saunders, decided yes-terday that he had no chance of facing Everton. Villa are already without mid-field man Frank Car-rodus, who tore knee ligaments at Derby, and the England full-back John Gidman is only given a 50-50 chance of playing. Gidman another casualty at a 50-50 chance of playing.

Gidman, another casualty at
Derby over the Easter holiday,
has a groin injury and Saunders
will wait until the last moment,
in the hope that he will recover.
The absence of Gray is a psychological blow to Villa. The Scot-

land forward has been top scorer in the First Division for much of the season, aithough he lost the position to Arsenal's Malcolm Macdonald on Monday. It leaves Villa short of a "big man" up front and must severely reduce their chances of victory. Young Gordon Cowans takes over for Carrodus in mid-field, and the winger, Ray Graydon, is expected to fill the gap left by Gray.

Everton's problems look minor in comparison. Their defenders David Jones and Roger Kenyon are both ruled out with leg injuries, but the manager, Gordon Lee, is in the happy position of possessing experienced replacements. The club captain, Michael Lyons, left out at laddlesbrough last Saturday, returns to the middle of the defence yet either

will take over at left back. Lee's only worry is a toe injury Lee's only worry is a toe injury to England under-21 player Andy King. If he fails a late test then Michael Buckley is the likely replacement. Duncan Mc-Kenzle, although in the party, is expected to be kept on the side-ASTON VILLA (from) J. Burridge, T. Gidman, J. Robson, L. Phillips, C. Nicholl, D. Mortimer, J. Dechan, B. Little, A. Cropley, G. Cowans, D. Hughes, G. Smith, R. Graydon, C. Yonng, EVERTON (from) D. Lawson, T. Darracott, N. Robinson, S. Seargeant, M. Lyons, K. McNaught, A. King, M. Do'sson, R. Latchford, J. Pearsou, R. Goodlass, M. Buckley, B. Hamilton, D. McKenzie, Referee: G. C. Kew (Middlesbrough).

# Harris crushes world title hopes of Minter

severe setback to his world title prospects when he was stopped in eight rounds by Rou Harris, of Ohio, at the Albert Hall last night.

Harris's reputation as the 1968 Olympic lightweight champion clearly meant something, but after only 16 bouts in a six-year professional career, he was not expected to beat Minter. In fact, Minter suffered the worst night of his career and, when the referee called a halt as Minter was preparing for the ninth round, his face was in a bad state.

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He had blood flowing from a vertical cut on his upper lip, was slightly cut over both eyes and carried a bump under his left eye which had threatened to close from the fifth round onwards: this collection of facial injuries will certainly prevent him going to Rotterdam to defend his European championship against Rudi Koopmans on May 9.

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With hindsight, Harris was an opponent Minter should have avoided last night, for it was not just a case of bumps and bruises. Minter clearly lost the opening two rounds and could not have been awarded more than two-and-a-half of the remainder. He was boxing under the haudicap of his injuries in general and the split lip in particular, and the further the bout went, the cleverer and more clusive Harris became.

Minter had only one dominant round—the third. He almost nalled Harris with a right and seemed to have solved the problem of the American's apparent ability to be in two places at once. Significantly he ended the round with his left eye cut and the bump rising underneath it, and never took charge again. In the early stages, Harris displayed a world-class right jab, but jabs do not often win contests against men of Minter's aggression even though they cause discomfort.

Ominously, however, Harris's repertoire enlarged as he went along. Minter, In turn, lost some control in his attempts to pin the American down. Every time he made a wrong move, he was heavily clumped on the head. His gum-shield went spinning in the sixth and every time Harris caught him blood gushed across the ring.

referee took a long look at Minter-but allowed him to go on. At the end of the eighth he spent almost the whole minute surveying the damage before deciding that the injuries had become too severe. This was Minter's first defeat by

an American amateur or profes Harris must have toppled Minter from his No 4 spot in the world ratings, caused his European ettle contest to be post-

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Minter's aid: "Harris was the most slippery man I have met, but I thought I was in front when the referee stopped the fight." Doug Bidwell, his manager, said: "There is no way the European champtonship can go on. This has put Alan on the sidelines for a few weeks. We see all very sick. Alan will have to have stitches in his mouth, so we are in no hurry to go in with the European championship fight."

Harris said: "I was caught a few times. I started slowly but come on very strongly after the third."

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Jimmy Batten, the British lightmiddleweight champion from Milwall, won his second bout in the
space of two weeks when he
stopped Michel Chapier, of France,
in the minth round of a scheduled

in the man round of a scheduled 10-round contest.

The referee's action in intervening to save Chapter from unnecessary punishment bardly seemed justified in this remarkably unpunishing contest and there was strong disapproval from the crowd. Ratter was well ahead. on points, but Chapter at least deserved the satisfaction of being allowed the satisfaction of being allowed to go the distance. He was never off his feet and never in

distress.

Batten, who has shown patchy form since winning the championstrip, was a little more consistent last night, but soon discovered that he could not hurt the Frenchman with his amparatily expansion. that he could not hurt the French-man with his apparently strong, right-hand punches. He seemed to have-settled for a win on points long before the end. OTHER RESULTS: Feetherweight (eight rounds): Mark Bliss best Le-Graham, on points: Light-middleweight (10 rounds): Jimmy Batten, bas Michel Chapter (Rhelms), in whith round. Middleweight (eight rounds): Francie Lucas best Alec Tomptins, in sixth round.

# Conteh-Cuello bout could take place in Britain

Although John Conteh's world light-heavyweight title defence against Miguel Cuello of Argentina, has already been announced for Monte Carlo, Conteh's brother and business manager, Tony Conteh, forecast yesterday that it will take place in Britain: Conteh, whose deadline to sign contracts has been extended from last Saturday by the World Boofing Council, has had talks with Boof Arum of Top Rauk, the company whose purse offer for the contest was accepted by the WBC.

Tony Conteh said: "I think the next couple of days will show that the fight will take place here. The opponent and the cash-figure have been agreed. The venue is the only thing there is any doubt about and Mr Arum is ready to stage the fight here, as long as certain requirements are met. John will not sign for it to be staged where the challenger wants it".

Cuello, who is based in Italy, does most of his boxing in Europe. He is jointly managed by an lialian. The Moute Carlo promoter is also Italian and Tony comets say: "John cannot speak a word of the language". The Southern Area Council of the British Boring Board of Control have approved a contest between two Londoners, Bob Pollard and John Waldron, to be recognized for the vacant area light-heavyweight—championship to defend against a third Londoner, Pat McCann, by June 1 Lo

Squash rackets

# Zaman awaits challenge match against Barrington

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent Squash Rackets Correspondent Cameron Nancarrow (Australia), runner-up for the British Open squash rackets championship nine days ago, was beaten 9—3, 9—0, 9—1 in 35 minutes by Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) at Wimbledon stadium last evening. Zaman thus won £250 and retained the "Golden Racket" award for the challenge matches sponsored by won £250 and retained the 
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Sondico, who make equipment. 
His next challenger will be Jonah 
Barrington. They will meet on 
May 22 at Nassau in the Bahamas 
—the first overseas fixture in a 
series that began 17 months ago. 
Barry O'Connor retained the 
award for amateurs, backed by the 
newspaper Chub Squash, by beating 
Gawain Briars, Britain's jumlor 
champion, 9—6, 1—9, 10—9, 9—6. 
O'Connor, who will be challenged 
by Ian Robinson at Nassau, won 
the award five weeks ago by 
defeating Stuart Courtney, who 
himself won a tournament on the 
other side of London last evening 
by beating Pat Kirton, 9—3, 9—6. 
9—4, in the final of the Harp 
Lager Tournament at Wembley. 1. In the inal of the nary Lager Tournament at Wembley. The climax of the eighth Harp tournament, a nationwide event that lasts for almost six months,

was overshadowed by the tenth Sondico promotion. This clash of fixtures should have been avoided.

event, which played a pioneering role for sponsored squash in Britain, had this date firmly and officially set before the season began. But the Sondico fixture, arranged this year, was difficult to For political reasons (South Africa as usual) the leading Pakl-

Africa as usual) the leading Paklstans were persuaded not to enter the British Open champiouship. After last evening's match Zaman—who beat Geoffrey Hunt and won the British title in 1975—made no secret of the fact that he had a point to prove against the player who took Hunt to four games in this year's final. "I worked very hard", Zaman said. He was talking chiefly in terms of the concentration and discretion with which he set about the task of crushing Nancarrow as decisively as possible.

Zaman is usually a bold, image

Zaman is usually a bold, imag-native player who takes a lot of risks. But his errors on this occa-sion totalled only 10, including the concession of three penalty the concession of three penalty points. He was relentlessly good, playing superb squash spiced by deception and a superb touch—while subduing his natural tendency to artistic excess. Muncarrow's winning backhand drops occasionally challenged Zaman's authority. But the Australian was proposed to the control of the contro fixtures should have been avoided, never given a chance to make particularly as the older Harp much of an impression.

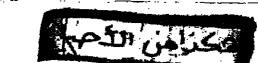
# the fifth. United's top scorer Edwards replied just before half-time to bring his 11th goal in eight games. Wilss Mottram's standing improved by quick win

Linda Mottram produced whiriwing tennis to beat a former local government employee Stephanie Harrison in 27 minutes at the Debenhams Cumberland Club tennis tournament, at Hampstead yesterday. Mineten-year-old Miss Mottram, seeking to improve her standing after dropping three places in the British canklags, conceded only seven points in a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Miss Mottram, returning to action after a six-week rest, showed plenty of angression against a sadly-outclassed opponent. Jackie Fayter, the top seed from Exeter, bear another Devon player, Charlotte Bastan, 6-4, 6-2, but the number six seed, Anne Hobbs had a rough opening match before bearing Jane Plackett, a Newcastle player now giving in London, 2-6, 6-7, 7-5, Miss Hobbs, from Alderley Edge, Cheshire Served 18 double faults.

Nell Rayner, winner of the North of England title in South-port, was hammered to a first round defeat in 46 minutes. Rayner, from Ilford, Essex, a member of Britain's "B " Edining party, lost 6-2, 5-2 to the Australia; bear from least weekend's qualifying rournament.

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Vitiges should not be troubled to dispose of inferior opposition

far as he is concerned is whether he will last seven furlongs in a fast run race. Imperial Guard looks a good

Polierton is trained in Irelan

by Paddy Prendergast, whose horses have been running well this spring. The last occasion that Pollerton ran in this country he was successful at York and his immensely experienced trainer has taken the trouble to send him ones.

most values test at Newmarket moday. Appropriately it has expacted the best horse that will or sen during the afternoon, the burdsome four-year-old colt, Vinges, who won the Champion Stakes on his last visit to the course.

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Even allowing for the fact that Vitiges has not run since last October this prize should be easy prey, and I will be both surprised and disappointed if he fails to stamp his authority on the scene and win the way you would expect of a horse who was syndicated for £920,000 towards the end of last year. Physically speaking Vitiges has done extremely well during the winter. He has been working well, too, recently and he certainly ought to waste little time in winning this race which his connexions see as the ideal stepping stone to Lougchamp on May Day when the Prix Ganay will be his objective.

Newmarket brought the best out of Vitiges on two occasions last year and it should do so again. Apart from winning the Champion Stakes he also finished second in Stakes he also finished second in the 2,000 Guineas, which was another praiseworthy performance. Of the others declared today who were trained in England last year only Gunner B was rated within a stone of Viriges in the three-year-old Free Handicap. Yet even he was given 13 ib less. Today's weight difference is only 3 lb.

Today's weight difference is only a lb.

Softragette, Claudio Nicolai, Heaven Knows and Lord Helpus were all at least 21 lb behind my selection last year. Neither Lucky Wednesday nor Kashiwa qualified for rating because they were trained in Ireland and only raced there. Now they are both stabled it in Newmarket, Lucky Wednesday with Henry Cecil and Kashiwa with Gavin Pritchard-Gordon.

Lucky Wednesday finished third in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, but on a line through Northern Treasure Northern Treasure Northern Treasure Northern Treasure Northern Treasure Northern Stakes, Lucky Wednesday has four lengths to make up on Stakes, Lucky Wednesday has four lengths to make up on Yitiges Wednesday, was a smart handicapper last year, but he was beaten by Lucky Wednesday on the only occasion that they met.

Red Rum for Ayr and no thought of retirement

Royal Conductor, now being trained in Yorkshire by Joe Muthall, won the Norwegian 2,000 Guncas two season ago and was by far the best two-year-old in training in Norway in 1974. But he did not run at all last season. Sno-Ripa has won in France and in Italy in his time, bur he has never even begun to look like being in the same class as Vitiges.

There are the same number of Red Rum definitely runs in Saturday's Scottish Grand National at Ayr, and "will win", Donald McCain, the trainer, said yesterday. The triple Alutree hero, with 11st 11lb, heads 24 four-day acceptors for the f12,000 Ayr feature, a race he won three years ago no complete a 1974 English Scottish National double.

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even begun to look like being in the same class as Vitiges.

There are the same number of runners for the Tote Free Handicap as there were last year and the race looks every bit as open. To be quite frank I have no hard and fast feelings; only hope that the winner will come from a short list comprising Mandrake Major, Imperial Guard, Claddagh, Pollerton and Mrs McArdy, who is my selection. There has been a gamble on Mandrake Major, who was backed down to 6-1 from 20-1 last month. Mandrake Major will be ridden by Lester Piggott and having won the Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster last September and finished third in the Middle Park Stakes he certainly represents some of the best form that we knew last season. My one reservation as far as he is concerned is whether he will last seven furlongs in a fast run race. a 1974 English Scottlan National double.

McCain said: "Barring a dramatic change in the weather, Red Rum goes to Ayr on Saturday, and even with his filb penalty, he'll take all the bearing. He hasn't left an oat since Liverpool, and is jumping out of his skin. I've looked through the opposition at Ayr, and I honerity can't see him being defeated".

On the subject of possible retirement for Red Rum, McCain stated emphatically: "It's not on the agenda. He may be twelve years old, but what's the polant in retiring a horse who still loves his racing. It hasn't even been considered".

Hills and Corals both placed Hills and Corals both placed Red Rum at the top of their ante-post lists. Hills offer 9-2, Corals 4-1, Other prices are: Hills: 7-1 Our Edition, 10-1 Guiding Star, 12-1 Forest King, Banlleu, 14-1 bar, Corals: 6-1 Our Edition, 8-1 Even Up, 10-1 bar.

> Night Nurse may run on flat

fast run race.

Imperial Guard looks a good horse in the making but his stable has still to strike form and on this occasion I prefer Claddagh. Polletron and Mrs McArdy, all of whom have had a race already this season. That could be an important factor when the chips are down. In fact Claddagh has had two. First he ran at Doncaster, where he finished behind Mrs McArdy incidentally; then he finished fourth in the 2,000 Guineas Trial at Ascot.

Claddagh would have finished closer if he had not been hampered turning for home, and with the advantage of those races he ought to run really well this time. But it would be as well to remember that he did fluish behind Mrs McArdy at Doncaster. Her stable can only have been heartened by the way that her galloping companion. Tudor Jig, won the Northern Free Handicap at Newcastle on Monday. Mrs McArdy won her last four races as a two-year-old

Polierton is trained in Ireland Night Nurse's spectacular all-the-way victory in the Welsh Cham-pion Hurdle at Chepstow yesterday was a superb performance. Now there is a possibility that Reg Spencer's six-year-old will thrill that enthusiasts by running in the Chester Cup. It looked as though Night Nurse would have a fight on his hands when Dramatist, in receipt of 51b, ranged upsides him three flights out, but a marvellous leap at the last sent him surging away on the flat to beat that horse by two lengths. The other runner, Beacon Light, on similar terms, was six lengths farther back.

Kipon programme

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2.45 HACKFALL HANDICAP (£700: 6f)

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3.45 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £770: 12m)

4.15 FOUNTAINS STAKES (2-y-o: £997: 5f)

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Gala Boy, S. Walnwright, 8-11
Sharp Pad (0). K. Yory, 8-9
Jaisingh, Hot Jones, 8-5
Carard, W. Wharton, 8-5
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Ingest Warrior, P. Roben, 8-2
Canny Yatton, J. Roben, 8-3
Canny Yatton, J. Calvert, 7-10
Calleby, P. Roben, 1-2
Canny Yatton, J. Calvert, 7-10
Calleby, W. Gray, 7-10
Luie, M. W. Gray, 7-10
Luie, M. W. Easterby, 7-10
Prince Motacitle, A. Jarvis, 7-10
String Plaster, H. Blackshaw, 7-10
Voung Stam, Hbt Jones, 7-10
Landbuild Lady, G. Vorgette, 7-7
Malton Fair, M. H. Easterby, 7-7
Larp Pad, 7-2 Bright Chartle, 9-2 Sexard, 6-1;

4.45 GREWELTHORPE STAKES (2-y-o: £731: 5f)

5.15 SPA WELTER STAKES (£794: 1m 1f)

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2.45 Red Beam. 3.15 Gold Streak. 3.45 Westwood Boy. 4.15 Sharp
Pad. 4.45 Muns Song. 5.15 Grand Niece.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.45 Acquittal. 4.15 Herrings Well. 5.15 Pyrenees.

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Ripon selections



Limone (nearer camera) getting up to beat Sporting Yankee in the Craven Stakes.

Sporting Yankee is Guineas value

By Michael Seely The Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday proved a grimph for the Pulborough stable of Gny Harwood, when Limone gradually wore down Sporting Yankee on the final hill to beat last season's Waliam Hill Futurity Stakes winner by a head, with Lucky Sovereign a length away, third. Hot Grove one of the best-backed horses in the race at 4-1, was two and a half lengths behind in fourth place. The favourite, Nice Balance, who fooked outstanding in the paddock was struggling from a long way out and finished a well-beaten sixth. The Craven Stakes at Newmarket

Limone has not been seen out in public since capturing the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot last June. Harwood said that the Relko colt caught a virus infection after that caught a virus infection after that victory. He then started to grow and in the words of his trainer "went to pieces". So Harwood decided to give Limone time to develop with yesterday's happy result. After talking matters over with the colt's owner, Dan Allen, Harwood has decided to bypass the Guineas and aim the three-year-old at the Dame Stakes over 10½ furlougs at the York spring meeting.

G. Durfield Charnot 5 ... T. Ives . Siockton 7 . J. Higgins . F. Murby I. Newton 7 C. Eccleston

J. Seagrave 10 T. Ives 11 E. Apter 14 J. Higgins 2

rested fairly and squarely with Sporting Yankee, who accomplished a notable feat in failing so narrowly to give 10th to a Royal Ascot winner. The Minstrel certainly proved his Free Handicap rating to be wrong when bearing Gairloch and Fair Season at Ascot. But so, too, did Sporting Yankee make a mockery of the official ratings by his performance yesterday.

8st 4th, Hot Grove 8st 7th, and Limone 8st 11th. Some measure of Sporting Yankee's improvement Sporting Yankee's improvement can be gauged by the fact that he gave Hot Grove 10th and a sound threshing yesterday. A further line can also be taken through Lucky Sovereign, In the Dewhurst Stakes The Minstrel gave Harry Wragg's colt a mine and a haff length beating. Yesterday Lucky Sovereign, in receipt of 131b finished a length behind Sporting Yankee. Considering that Lucky Sovereign has already had two races this season and that yesterday's was Sporting Yankee's first appearance. Peter Walwyn's three-year-old has certainly not stood still during the winter

Although The Minstrel still has the edge, the 20-1 offered against Sporting Yankee by Ladbrokes

Cheltenham (NH) programme

2.30 GOLDEN MILLER STEEPLECHASE

3.40 RONALD ROYDS HURDLE (£1,064: 2½m)

cap: £1,310: 24m)

4.15 GRATWICKE BLAGRAVE CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handi-

4.45 JUVENILE HURDLE (Div II: 4y-o novices: £674: 2m

By Our Racing Staff 2.0 Goose Pimple. 2.30 Rathvilly. 3.05 Manzoni. 3.40 Peterhof. 4.15 Lord Browndodd. 4.45 Carolinian.

Cheltenham (NH) selections

2.0 IUVENILE HURDLE (Div I: 4y-o novices: £685: 2m 200yd)

3.05 GEORGE DULLER HURDLE (Handicap: £2,512: 3m)

must represent good each way value for the first classic. "He'll have to run in the 2,000" Walwayn said. "I didn't want to, but after that performance there is no alternative." This long-striding after that performance there is no alternative." This long-striding colt by Vagnely Noble will obviously be better stated to middle distances, but for a colt with his breeding to show so much speed over eight furlongs suggests infinite promise for the future. Price, who admitted to being mystified by Nice Balance's poor showing, gained some consolation when Betsy Ross gave a comfortable beating to Flamethrower in the Elveden Maiden Stakes. Betsy Ross belongs to Mr J. J. Byrne, who is also the owner of Gale Bridge whom the Findon trainer saddled to win the William Bill November Handicap at Doncaster last autumn.

Local stables had a poor after-

Hood winning only two races. Tom Waugh saddled Cavaliers Blush, who beat Bruce Hobbs's Bagshot by a short head in the Ladbroke Racing Handicap. The other Newmarket trainer to score was Gavin Pritchard-Gordon when No Cards beat Mezanopsis by a neck in the beat Mecanopsis by a neck in the Crawford Handicap. This was Princhard-Gordon's first victory since his move to Stanley Honse

Thorne in Rotterdam team

John Mills, one of Britain's winners in the international swimming tournament, sponsored by Coca-Cola, at Crystal Palace on Monday, has been brought into the British team for the six-nations event in Rotterdam, on April 17 and 18. Mills, a London policeman and a member of the Sutton and Cheam club, will replace Mark Thorne in the 100 metres butterfly. The withdrawal of Gordon Downie, who is stiting examinations at Michigan State university, has enabled Colin Dale to win his first international place, in the 200 metres free-style relay. Other changes for Rotterdam: 100 and 200 metres free-style, David Dunne (Beckenham); 400 metres free-style David Parker (City of Covenity), Stephen Harrison (Southampter of the 100 metres free-style of the 100 metres free-style David Parker (City of Covenity), Stephen Harrison (Southampter)

style David Parker (City of Coveniry), Stephen Harrison (Southampton) is added to the 100 metres
free-style relay from and also competes in the 200 metres backstroke.

In the women's team Cheryl
Brazendale, who on Monday became the first woman to bold all
four British free-style records at
Olympic distances, during the
Crystal Palace meeting, will swim
in the 400 metres free-style.

**Gymnastics** E Candia Comaneci for Wembley

Nadia Comaneci will take part in the international gymnastics competition at Wembley on April 16. Miss Comaneci, the 15-year-old star of last year's Olympics.

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the men of La Manga grandstand view when the mast put goes in on Saturday. But for half the competitors on the first two days, the normal conditions will apply, since they are being sent out simultaneously from the first and tenth tees (whichever way you look at ft).

As ar Panina last week, there is no rough in front of the tees and, unlike Penina, no purpose-bulk shrubbery to clasin the wayward balt. The laikes and bunkers provide the main hazards and, providing one can have a little bit of luck there, and on the greens of course, it should be possible to put together an outstanding sore. As one American competitor said today, it is a course where "you can hit your heart out", so different from Penina, where to leave the fairway was to invite all sorts of Macchiavellian rembution.

All this presupposes that con-

Three masters added to

From John Hennessy
La Manga, April 12

For all their growing golf provess in recent years, the Spanish have yet to win their own championship at La Manga. They have their last chance, for the time being at least, this week. La Manga, created in 1972, contracted to hold five successive Spanish championships, so that the event will go elsewhere in 1978, probably to El Prat, Barcelona.

In chromological order, the past winners here have been Neil Coles, lerry Heard, Arnold Paimer and Eddle Poissoid. Of the four, Polland is the only one competing this time. The caroot of possible Ryder Cop selection means nothing to Coles, a centain choice anyway, and the two Americans, too, are staying at home.

Compared with the Portnewess the two Americans, too, are stay-log at home.

Compared with the Portuguese
Open last week, the field has been
strengthened by three players
taking part in the United States
Masters last week—Ballesteros the
younger, O'Connor the younger
and Horton—and three other Ryder
Cop players, Hoggett, Gresson and
the older Christy O'Connor.

The course, designed by Robert Macchiavellian reminition.

All this presupposes that conditions will be as today, with the son beaming on the scene and barely enough wind to stir the flags of the competing nations. La Manga, though, has the reputation for caprictous behaviour and, even in Angust, the wind can suddenly start to howl. "What is the prevailing direction?", I asked in my innocence. "From all directions at once", came the knowing reply, rather like the Indians converging on Mr Wayne.

Cop phayers, Hoggett, Gregson and the older Christy O'Comnor.

The course, designed by Robert Pulman, of Cabifornia, is something of a marvel risen from the wild scrub on the edge of the mediternamean or, more precisely, on the edge of the Mar Menor, which is cor-off from the Mediterranean by a long silver of famd (La Manga means the sieeve).

It is the sort of country that might bring John Wayne over one of the parched hills in pursuit of new mon-acting triumphs.

But the 6,911 yards (par 72) of La Manga is one huge oasis of La Manga course La Manga is one huge oasis of green, relieved by banks of wild Mesembrianthemum by 3,000 pain trees and by artificial lakes alive

trees ann by arriscial takes above to the love call of three million frogs, or so it sounds. For the purpose of the cham-pionship, the two halves of the course have been transposed, since

Swimming

Mills to replace

in the 400 metres free-style.

old star of last year's Olympics, will be the second entry from Romania. Teodora Ungureanu, aged 16, has already been nominated to defend her tide.

Under the rules of the competition visiting countries can have only one official competitor and the BAGA have made special provisions for Miss Comanect to participate in the competition, but not on ah official basis.

Rackets Crawley service the one

constant factor

By Our Rackets Correspondent
Andrew Crawley and Mark
Thatcher won a protracted match
against the Nicholls brothers Mark
and Paul, the Cambridge University pair, in the amateur rackets
doubles championship at Queen's
Club meterator. doubles championship at Queen's Club yesterday. At 11—14 in the fourth game and down by 2—1 few would have given much for their chances. Yet, by various means including their opponent's erratic concentration, they won by 15—5, 3—15, 12—15, 17—16, 10—15, 15—5, 15—12.

This was a rugged affair containing little finesse, a good deal of loose hitting, but some pretty fair serving by the winners. The one constant or consistent factor was Crawley's serving. He made

was Crawley's serving. He made long runs in the first and sixth games, was in at the end of the fourth and by the time the last game began had reduced Paul Nicholls's return in the backhand court and his morals to dust court and his morale to dust.

The fourth was the crucial game and the pairs were level at 11—11 when Mark Nicholls reached game point. Here he made a wild stroke and another at 16—14. Crawley and Thatcher made the most of what was given them. what was given them. It was in this game that the losers' con-centration waves and Mark Nicholls, potentially the strongest Nicholls, potentially the strongest player (he was certainly the hardest bitter) in court never again dominated as he had done earlier in the match. At times this Cambridge pair played as if they expected to pocket the match. Unfortunately for them there was a large hole in it.

Peter Seabrook and Robert Sutton won a robust but cheerful contest against Peter Begg and Bernard Weatherill by 15–10, 15–9, 16–18, 15–5, 17–14, FRST ROUND: R. H. Sutton and P. G. Seabrook boat B. R. Weatherill and P. G. Seabrook boat B. R. L. Seabrook boat G. W. Pillington, 18–23, 15–6, 12–15, 15–6; M. Thaicher and A. H. Crawley beat M. W. Nicholls and P. C. Nicholls, 16–5, 3–15, 12–15, 17–16, 10–16, 15–5, 15–12. player (he was certainly the hard

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Hill (7-3); 5. Yellow Stone (8-1).
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Chy (7-1); 3. Princess Arcade (7-4);
10 rgn. Royal Archer did not run.

4.0: 1. Ratameriii (10-1); 2. Vene-lian Bilind (9-1); 3. Skylack (12-1) 15 ran. Fightims King and St Trivit 3-1 it Isvs. Queen's Melody and Imandamus did not run. 4.50: I. Katmands (5-2 fay); 2. Cask and Glass (8-1); 5. Royal Flower (53-1). 17 ran.

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# Closing the door on the 'new' nuclear arms race

This week's guest column is contributed by Elizabeth Young

Five years ago, I wrote a short book called A Farewell to Arms Control? and 10 years before that, a pampulet called Nations and Nuclear Weapons. Other governments, I said each time, will go on getting nuclear weapons so long as the linked States and the Soviet Union go on trying to impose a non-proliferation policy on them, while continuing with their own arms race. It is their vertical proliferation, I said, that fuels others "horizontal proliferation".
Yes, I said, the super-powers

do have security problems— mainly with each other—to which more, or better, nuclear weapons seem in the short run to be an answer. But so do other countries have security t na a nuclear weapons pro-gramme as a necessary form of national insurance. West Euro-

"curity. To accept that they are "non-strategic" is to support the view that the wiping out of West Europe is somehow not a truly "strategic." matter for West Europe is somehow not a and attempts made to arm-twist even them much longer. Most truly "strutegic." matter for them into policies they abhor. Of the new weapons bypass, or ments should have gone along dive for their own nuclear existing arms control agreewith such language is amazing. Operation does not accept these which they could develop weapons as non-strategic; for bomb material as well as fully to make this clear would be for nuclear power stations. The greatest possible contribution to Nato solidarity: until these nuclear forces are taken into "strategic" account, European Nato will never be perpendicular to the control agreements of the new weapons bypass, or percolate the loopholes in ments.

New thinking has not begun to catch up with the new events. The dodo simplicities of "American-weapons-good, the greatest possible contribution to Nato solidarity: until these nuclear forces are taken into "strategic" account, European Suppliers Group are not meeting control and disagnament. The occided to build up its convention with great success: monopoly. acded to build up its conventional forces to match the Soviet Union's—or to take

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problems: many of them, even their enormous and environ launchers, multiple warheads a gnotories of the Non-Prolimentally alarming river rever (each separately maneouvrentation Treaty, see an option sal programme). This of course able), cruise missiles, anti-sately maneouvrentation of the separately maneouvrentation of the separa provides an unarguable figural lite satellites, lazer beams, new for the use in developing coungadgets for chemical warfare tries of a nuclear technology are all now either to hand or

mational insurance. West Europeans, in perticular, have long
been threatened by a whole
intermediate range, Soviet noclear weapons which the
Americans have gone zlong
with the Russians in deeming
non-strategic — for the reason that they cannot reach the
United States.

The effect of this deeming
has been that these weapons
are not discussed in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, nor
in the Vienna force reduction
to the States and the Latin Americans.

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government-any governmentwill not give up the right to nuclear weapons except as part of a general disarmament process involving the super powers as well as the others.

However, when the Non-Pro-liferation Treaty was being negotiated, we went along with the so-called "naked" treaty me so-cauled "naked" treaty agreed between the super powers—one binding non-nuclear weapons powers not to "proliferate" and subjecting them to international inspection, but imposing no balancing particulars. ing restrictions or duties on the nuclear weapons powers. This time the British can do

Whatever happens in the next round of talks between Mr Vance and Mr Gromyko in May, the next real opportunity arises in 1978 when a Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly meets to consider disarmament. At the stending Geneva Disarmament Conference the Russian or the American delegate has always taken the chair and controlled the agenda: at the Special Ses-sion the chairman will be Yugoslavian and Russians and Americans will be present as ordinary General Assembly

members. The Carter Administration we know to be interested in we know to be interested in achieving reductions in weapons worldwide. Can the SovietUnion be persuaded to take disarmement equally seriously? Its main difficulty in the bracing atmosphere of an open conference is still likely to be its attitude to verification. The rerifiability of statements and undertakings is the very nub of all arms control, just as it is of all detente and of all peaceful co-existence: Only the veri-fiable contributes to certainty

An international verification

agency is a sine qua non of any disarmament process. We (as well as the Americans) are well placed to contribute to it with seismic techniques for monitoring nuclear explosions, satellite monitoring, etc. A conference agenda in the form of a draft proposal for a general disarmament process, pre-pared under the auspices of either the United Nations disarmament centre or of the prospective chairman of the conference, and to be "negotia-ted" there by consensus, could help concentrate minds in the same way as the Law of the Sea Conference's Single Negotiating Texts have concentrated minds (and regulated

control and disarmament. The impasse in Moscow may itself provide the necessary catalyst.

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# Making the most of home-made cheese

The milder flavoured curd or cottage cheeses can be used with great success to make delicious spreads and tempting salads. They are enormously versatile. Years ago, cooks would make a simple chease by draining off milk that had soured in muslin to collect the curd. Most farmers' wives made their own soft cheese because it was a good way to use up left-over milk. These days bottled milk that is delivered to our doorstep does not sour naturally. All, milk sold is heat treated which makes it safer but at the same time destroys the lactic bacteria which sour milk. However, you can still sour milk the old fashioned way if you add a starter in the form of yoghurt. You don't need very much and you can use it with pasteurized bottled milk.

Home made saft cheese I tublespoon natural yoghurt 2 pines milk .

Stir the milk and yoghurt together in a bowl Cover and leave in a warm place for 1-2 days. When ready the milk will have formed solid curds and any cream will have risen to form a crust on the surface. Cut through the mixture with a knife to loosen the curds and you will see the whey separating out. Line a colander, set in a shallow dish, with a square of damp muslin and then tip the muslin. Tie up the four corners and hang overnight so that the whey drips into a bowl.

After this you should have a bag of soft curds that are ready

Tip the curds into a bowl and add a seasoning of salt and freshly milled pepper, then stir in some chopped onion or herbs like parsley and chives. The resulting soft cheese is lovely to spread on hot toast. Or you can make a more exciting mixture if you add a seasoning of freshly you add a seasoning of freshly milled pepper and just a little salt to the curds, then stir in some onion juice (turn the cur half of an onion on a lemon squeezer for this) and 1-2 teaspoons of salty black caviar style lumpfish, roe and finally a squeeze of lemon juice. This combination is really tasty and combination is really, tasty and if you sprinkle she mixture with chopped parsley and serve it well chilled with toast it makes delicious hors d'oeuvre for a dinner party.

You can get a quicker result by using lemon juice. The addition of lemon juice forms a precipitate of the milk protein and produces a dry, firmer curd which has a fresh, slightly

1 pint milk

the cold tap before you hang it up to drain. This will wash away some of the vinegar taste. about one hour you will have dry curds. Tip them into a bowl, add salt to taste and the cheese is ready to eat. A dry curd like this is even nicer if you mix it up with a tablespoon or two of crown and then add. This one is particularly good mixed with chopped chives and even better with garlic too. Peel one clove of garlic and, using the blade of a knife, mash to a

lemon flavour. A simple curd cheese

juice of 1 lemon Hear the milk to 38 deg C (100 deg F) and pour into a bowl. Stir in the squeezed lemon jults and leave for 15 minures. You will see the curds forming very quickly. Line a colander, set in a shallow dish, with a square of damp muslin. Spoon in the curds, then knot the four corners and hang over a bowl to allow the whey to drain off. You can use vinegar'to sour milk instead of lemon

After the bag has hung for or two of cream and then add the flavourings that you like. cucumber and walnuts. Spread

Using yoghurt to sour milk flavoured cream cheese mixture produces a soft card cheese and it does take a day or so to make. to make a soft consistency.

Use home made curd cheeses in sandwiches instead of butter, The plain curd cheese, seasoned just with salr and pepper, combines very well with ham, or sliced salami, with cucumber and is delicious with the per-pery flavour of watercress. Or you can take an idea from the continent where slices of buttered wholemeal bread spread with seasoned curd or cream cheese are generously topped with sliced radishes and cut up spring onions as an open sand-wich. Buttered bread slices spread with soft cheese and sprinkled with the tange leaves of chopped fresh terrogon are

to sour milk instead of lemon juice—in which case use two tablespoons of distilled malt vinegar (that's the cleur one, not the dark malt vinegar) but, since the taste of vinegar is nor son pleasant as that of lemon juice, you should rinse the curds in the muslin bag under the cold tap before you hanz it.

An idea that may surprise you, but on the other hand may not, if you bear in mind that the milder cream cheeses are very eften served with fruit, is that if you beat up the ustural curd cheese with a little cream or top of the milk to make a soft consistency and sweeten it with castor sugar m taste, it An idea that may surprise with castor sugar to taste, it makes a delicious sweet sharp whipped topping for any chilled fruit compotes that you might make with redcurrants, cherries, raspberries and gone-berries or for serving with fresh strawberries when they come into season.

As spring approaches, cottage cheese is the one to use for salads. With salad vegetables and fruit, cottage cheese makes light lunches that are good for slimmers and, if your diet allows it, are delicious with crusty bread and butter or with crispereads. You can 'pep' up the blade of a knife, mash to a pure with a little salt so that the garlic blends smoothly with the cheese, then add freshly milled perper, chepped porsiev and chives to make a garlic and herb cheese. You can flavour a soft cheese like this in just the same way as the commercial varieties. Season, mix with a ped dates or chopped apples—varieties. Season, mix with a mixture of chopped apples—varieties. Season, mix with a mixture of chopped apples—and then stir in a mixture of chopped apples dittle cream and then stir in a mixture of chopped apples and chopped pineapple, or try chopped prawns, chopped green carrot is very nice. Something pepper or a mixture of chopped carrot is very nice. Something response or crunchy makes a world of difference too, and cottage any of them on buttered slices cheese selads are nice with the of wholeyheat bread or her addition of toasted flaked toast. Spread them on small almonds or with crisply fried biscuits, or those crunchy con-tinental biscottes and serve too.

with drinks or a glass of wine. When you really feel you You could use the cheeses to can't face another cottage fill celery stalks or to stuff cheese salad try perking up the stoned cooked prunes and of flavour with a teaspoon of course you can make any horse radish relish straight flavoured cheese — whether a from the jar and a little chopsoft home made one or a bought ped parsley stirred in.

You can arrange really attractive salads on a platter if you give the presentation a little thought. Do remember that fresh cress snipped over the top always makes cottage cheese look fresh and appetizing. Serve with an oil and vinegar dressing for spooning over the salad vegetables and fruits. Try a mound of cottage cheese on a bed of crisp lettuce, then add a wedge or two of strong-flavoured blue cheese and garnish with slices of tinned or fresh pears, quarters of tomato and finally sprinkle with chopped walnuts and cress : or drain canned pear or peach halves and serve on lettuce piled high with cottage cheese and chives and a garnish of chopped walnuts; make a fresh tomato salad—taking care to scald and peel the tomatoes—then slice and layer them with chopped spring onion. Marinate in an oil and vinegar dressing for about one hour, so that the dressing draws the juices, then spoon on to crisp lettuce and

top with a mound of cottage cheese seasoned with pepper and mixed with chives and seedless raisins. Cottage cheese goes well with citrus fruits like oranges and grapefruit. Slice peeled oranges and onion very thinly and sep-arate the onion into rings. Marinate both in oil and vinegar dressing for an hour, then arrange on crisp lettuce and top with courage cheese and black olives. If you cut grapefruits in half and loosen the segments. on half and loosen the segments, you can take them out and clean the shells to use as containers. Mix the grapefruit pieces with cottage cheese, seusoning, chopped parsley and a little oil and vinegar dressing. Pile the mixture back into the shelles of the piece. shells and you have a very nice

(not too fattening) first course. You can use cottage cheese for dips too. Combine one (802) carton cottage cheese with one (50z) carton soured cream and then add garlic and chopped herbs, or horseradish relish and chopped parsley to taste. Serve with crisp carrot sticks and trimmed spring onions for dipping and you need not worry about your waistline.

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series of public concerts devoted to the music of this century. It is now well in progress, nine series each of three concerts, sold by subscription, each series including an orchestral programme, a chamber orchestral recital, and

a workshop evening. Composers and interpreters are being brought from all over the world to Paris for this year-long festival of music. Even a Londoner must gaze enviously at the prospectus: I for one hope to slip over to Paris for a few of the most inviting programmes. During my last weekend there the beavy concerts were not on, but on every night of the week Ircam had booked the Paris Conservatoire for a workshop jamboree devoted to the soloist in contemporary music.

On the Saturday evening in question five rooms at the question five rooms at the Conservatoire were being used. In the Mounet-Sully Room there was a fine cellist. Ina Joost. Two recent works were on her programme: the one she was playing sounded dull though not her interpretation. Eager to discover more, I found the Sarah Bernhardt Room when the flautist Robert Aiden was playing a Japanese piece that involved simulpiece that involved simultaneous octaves (brilliant), singing and playing at the time, an old trick feebly same time, an old trick feebly brought off, and playing with a drone on plastic hose whizzed round by an accomplice. Michel Portal, a splendid clarinettist, was playing illumed microtones and strident chards (febad be completed.) chords (faked by over-blowing in a manner now common in new music). The Organ Room was asurped by a singer, Carol Plantamura, whose legato vocal technique deserved better than the music, expressive speech-song mostly demanded of her, I stayed some time with her. thus missing the piano recital by Carlos Alsina and Herbert Henck, of which friends reported favourably. But the brass department in Salle Gabriel Fauré called and held ne, with the astonishing, by now well-known, artistry of Roger Robo on the trombone, and Edward Tarr on the trumpet playing by turns, often with taped accompaniment Both excel in straight bravora, they play two notes at a time in tone (solo, not in duet). Both play, especially Mr Bobo, with a lively sense of humour, valuable asset, and with com-plete devotion when the music

The final part of the concert enses called Open score by Frederic Rzewski based on a Kentucky folloong; it was partly scored, part improvised, with some decent ideas, too much repetition, and no idea of when to stop. The pastoral sections were pleasant, the melodic basis too, and the combination of instruments. Rzewski has a mature, still fertile mind, not yet self-controlled.

William Mann

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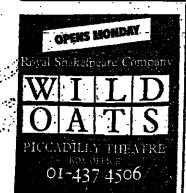
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# A night at **IRCAM**

The Pomphon Comments is Beaubourg district of Paris is now open, as Paul Overy reported after his IRCAM, a centre for research into the component phenomena of music, should have opened at the end of 1976, but is still a building site, though far advanced since I was there last Easter; the opening is now scheduled for September. Boulez had always planned to inaugurate IRCAM with a



Eduardo Paolozzi: A New Brand of Brilliance, 1947, and, right, Franz Kline: Untitled, II, c.1952

# Modish art of thirty years ago

York School of painters whose work was loosely dubbed Abstract. Expressionist. He was born in 1910 in Pennsylvania, studied painting at Boston University and spent a year in University and spent a year in Indian in the late Thirties or masters at handling this, but Wine never quite managed to. studied painting at Boston University and spent a year in London in the late Thirries at Heatherley's Art School. He married a dancer from Sadler's Wells Ballet and returned to live in New York for the rest of his life. He died of a heart condition in 1962.

Although his week Although his work was shown in the mixed exhibitions

of American arr seen in London in the late Fifties and early Sixties he has never had a retrospective in Britain. The Mayor Gallery is now showing a small selection of works on

paper, until May 14.

Kline's broadly brushed configurations resemble Chinese ideograms, their technique like an inflated version of Oriental calligraphy. Over the years their vigour appears to have been drained by familiarity and imitation and they seem somewhat over-tasteful and empty compared with the more impassioned and desperate works of Pollock or De Kooning.
The smaller scale of the

works on paper at the Mayor benefits them, concentrates the configurations and brings out configurations and brings out their caligraphic quality. American publications. Some dressed woman on a bed) the Early works like Cat and of these early collages can be appropriation by the artist is (1945-46) show how Kline moved from loose figurative until April 22. The best of imagery to ideogramatic abstraction. Two of the best of siderably from the juxtaposi-

Franz Kline is one of the best the latter are painted in black thousen members of the New ink on pages from the Brook-the original material is allowed to retain its own aura in a way work was loosely dubbed Abstract. Expressionist. He was born in 1910 in Danney with the Village work of the control of Danney work was loosely for what is worrying about that it did not with the Danies of Danney work. Kline never quite managed to. Hence the sense of ultimate emptiness with which one goes metric set of a late Thirties or away from most of his work.

> had a large collection of Dadaist works, particularly collages by Picabia and Ernst. Also in Tzara's collection Paolozzi would probably have seen Dadaist photomontages by Haunah Hoch and Raoul Haussmann. It was similar methods which Paolozzi employed in his own collages and montages made in the late Forties. It was a period in some ways comparable to that in which Dadaism had flourished, immediately after a World War. And like many of the Dadaists Paolozzi turned for much of his impagrate America and the Comparable of his imagery to America and to American publications. Some

Eduardo Paolozzi's earliest collages are often considered to have been the beginning of English Pop Art. In 1947-49 be lived in Paris and got to know Tristan Tzara (as well as Brancusi and Giacometri). Tzara had a large collection of Dadaist works, particularly collages by Picabia and Ernst. Also in Tzara's collection Paophotograph and the dancing of Astaire and Rogers, but Pao-lozzi has channelled it into a new direction. What appears to be no more than a Paolozzi signature over a piece of mid-Forties porno-graphy (presumably torn from a magazine) Page from a Scrapbook 1947 is both fascinating and disturbing. The signature suggests that the image has now been possessed by the artist. But because the image is a human one (a partially dressed woman on a bed) the

New Brand of Brilliance, made in 1947. It is an old (then) cover of Picture Post, dated October 2, 1943 with a picture of Fred Astaire and Ginger

carly Forties apartment. There is already an ironic justa-position in the cover itself, for

incorporated or transmuted into Paolozzi's prints, which have always struck me as denser in meaning than his sculpture. (The V & A is holding a perroportive of Paology and Part of Paology and Paolog ing a retrospective of Pao-lozzi's complete prints in May.) In a mixed show at the Artists' Market in the Warehouse Gallery is Paolozzi's maquette for the ceiling of Cleish Castle where he has attempted to get some of the density of his prints into a relief sculpture. This does not really succeed. Although having seen the originals in place since last writ-ing of the maquettes when they were shown at the Marl-borough Gallery I found that the height of the ceiling and hence its distance from the spectator's eye does enhance the print-like quality of the relief.

Also at the Artists' Market are a group of works (sculp-tures, drawings and jewelry) by Alexander Calder, done when he was staying in Eng-land in the Thirmes. They are exuberant and light-hearted, reminding one that modern American art did not start with the generation of Kline. Pollock and De Kooning—a false impression still widely held which a comprehensive exhibition of American Painting 1908-1935 at this year's Edinburgh Festival and subsequently at the Hay-ward should dispel.

Paul Overy

# London debuts

Gruberova is already known here for her Queen of the Night at Glyndebourne in 1973, but last week made her London recital debut. Her rocal tone basically is clear, bright, rather sharply focused, yet she is able to impart to it the variety of colour demanded by Lieder. Miss Gruberova's extensive operatic experience was apparent in the sureness was apparent in the sureness with which she characterized the various distinct feminine types she portrayed in Richard Strauss's Brentano Lieder Op 68, a cycle of great technical difficulty. Her ability to reach the heart of the words as well as the music was also apparent in projections of diverse Schubert Goethe heroines, such as Migoon, Suleika, and Klär-chen. Mozart pieces, too, such as "Als Luise die Briefe ihres ungetreuen Liebhabers ver brannte", were dramatized to exactly the right degree.

As might be expected of a pupil of Szigeti and Menuhin, Andrew Watkinson's technique is secure, his interpretative ideas fully thought out. An excellent sense of line was evi-dent in Bach's Sonata No 2 for unaccompanied violin, and a tone which if austere was always singing. The very taxing Fugue attained an eloquence only slightly marred by a memory lapse. Howard Ferguson's Sonata No 2 is distinguished in thought and style, and includes passages whose tightly-woven intensity is impressive as well as a mediant. rigory-woven intensity is impressive, as well as some dark and introspective moments. Both here and in Prokofiev's at once suave and piquant Melodies Op 35b Mr Watkins's vigour was admirably matched by that of his pianist, Gordon Back.

Max Harrison

Liverpool's new conductors

Mr Walter Well has been appointed principal conductor and artistic adviser of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society for three years from September 1, 1977. He will succeed Sir L. 1977. He will succeed the Charles Groves, who has been musical director since 1963. The society has also appointed Mr Simon Rattle as associate conductor for three years.

During its 24 days away, Yugoslavia, Austria and SwitzerThe Noblest Game BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

Looking back on the beautiful but rather disastrous summers England has had at the hands of the Australians, a certain sceptical, indeed cynical, smile crept across the face watching the first of a 10-part series on cricket on Monday on BEC 2. cricket on Monday on BBC 2.

John Arlott and the great fast bowler, F. S. Trueman, are hosting this story of cricket and although the episode was only short, from 6.25 to 6.50, one had to laugh at the way they presented the game as strictly Euglish. If it is such an English game, why do we do so badly at it? Well, after a while the Australians and the West Indians were given their due and this was, one should remember, only the first of a 10-part series.

10-part series. Arlott, of course, is marvellous at talking about cricket.
Just the same, he seems to have
been doing a bit too much of it.
The John Arlott of today is not

of the Royal Opera House

area of the Royal Opera House had been whisked away, leaving an area open to 701 people who on Monday, for the price of 50 pence payable an hour before the performance, could sit on the floor and winess the latest revival of Puccini's Tosca in Franco Zeffirelli's 1964 production. a glamorous one, with

tion, a glamorous one, with quite a starry cart. The Covent Garden Prom

season has begun, for the sixth time. Between now and April

19 those who say they cannot efford to visit the Royal Opera House, or that they can never get tickets, can do so simply by

standing in a queue for a few hours and then paying 50p. Peter Grimes, Faust, and four

different ballet programmes are in the syllabus for these proms,

as well as another Tosca

One could also say much the same thing for Freedie True-man. That man, for those of us man. That man, for those of us who had the good fortune to see him in his prime, was poetry in motion. Perhaps only Ausstratia's Liblee possesses anything like the beautiful bowling action that Trueman had. But Trueman today is, like Arlott, yet another telly personality.

I do not think the game was served well by the sight of either of them wasfling on about, the Englishness of the game or what a thrill it was walking down the steps to play at Frank

the same chap as the Arlott of Lord's Cricket Ground. No 20 years ago. He has, I think, done too much brondcasting and done too much brondcasting and the words flow a bit too easily. He has become very much a telly and radio personality. He past and a lot of talk about its man writing about the same game as he did, for example, writing Cricketing Portraits published in the early 1950s, Arlott then on Maurice Tate a fan of both Arlott and F. S. howling on a sea fret wicker. Arion then on maurice rate bowling on a sea fret wicket at Hove in 1926 was a beautiful thing to read; Arlott talking about cricket now seems to be only a shadow of his former self.

For those of us who consider cricker something more than a game, it was extremely boring. The fault is that Arlott and Trueman are perhaps no closely connected with cricket. They have grown blase being so close to it and the thrill and the poetry of the game has asset them. passed them. Someone should point out that cricket is not played throughout the English-speaking world; there is a form of rounders which is also played where English is aimose spoken.

This Tosca, which will conis enjoyable not only for its cast but, perhaps chiefly, for the musical direction of Robin Stapleton, the company's chorusmaster who conducted a truly appreciative interpretation of a masterwork, responsive to dra-matic mood and orchestral colour, especially to the flow of melodic line and its back-ground of diverse accompani-ment. His flair and care could often be noticed at Torch often be noticed-at Tosca's first entrance, to give only one example out of dozens; the ROH played like angels for him, even in the most dangerous passages, and he worked for his singers as well as his orchestra. Best of all, he knows how to relax as well as how to

inspire. The name-part was taken by Raina Kabeivanska, au able musician, bright but not rich

the guitar's quiet voice never

Like most concerts of Spanish

once being covered.

duction more than the allure, though she sang the role nicely. Luciano Pavarotti has lost weight, but not quality of voice. weight, but not quality of voice. His Cavaradossi was attractive, substantially heroic, and in "E lucevan le stelle" richly, naturally, touchingly sung, as he descended the steps from hartisments. battlements to execution ground, having examined the starless, cloudy sky. There is much of intelligence, even more of feeling, in his account.

Peter Glossop, in his youth, was a rough and riveting Scarpia at Sadler's Wells. Now he has re-arrived in the part, vinous-lipped, narcissistically made-up, chunky-faced, popered, the voice, normally clean-bladed and exemplary in verbal cnunciation, turning to thickness as lust grows on him. Ham-acting abounds but not from Mr Glossop, and he projects his voice cleanly, with an eager blade, when he plays the anxious tyrant. Given care and of voice, pretty and slim yet lacking the reel Tosca charm (the bicthy Diva suits her better). She suggests the youth and anxiety of Zeffirelli's pro-

Though it is 25 years younger, the Concierto lacks the starting with a suite from Bizer's Carmen. This was nicely subjective tensions, the under-current of strong feeling, that turned by Mr Navarro, and again we were reminded how sensitive the orchestration is, a Falla imparted even to a little piece like the "Ritual Fire. Dance", and seems to represent a point often missed in the opera house when one's attena more primitive stage of tion is centred elsewhere. Spanish music. The outer move-On the other hand. ments of the Concierto, in parmens of the Concierto, in particular, are no more than inconsequential chatter for guitar and orchestra, though with Narciso Yepes as soloist they were beautifully played, as such stuff often is. It must be admitted, too, that Rodrigo's orchestration is highly skilled, the guitar's quiet worce never

imparted a properly theatrical feel to some dances from Falla's The Three-Cornerel Hat.

With Chabrier's Hat. With Chabrier's España", we moved back to the Frenchmen again. This piece is light music at its rare best and, as such, a pleasure to hear played so well as on this occasion. Finally came Ravel's Bolero, which, with its incessant repetitions, is as amiably lunatic a piece as one can hope to find.

music, Monday's included several works by Frenchmen, verting the urban hip listener touch of the poet about this to country. Despite the acousti-cal murk of a sports hall, one unflamboyant man, which puts him in a class with Kristofcould enjoy a diverse pro-gramme as mellow as a hayfersen and Merle Haggard, although he lacks their follow-

gramme as mellow as a usy stack and as modern as a ing.

The debut of Crystal Gayle synthesizer. The debut of Crystal Gayle Emmylou Harris and the Hot stirred a good deal of audience Band enjoyed the featured spot, helped in full measure by the guitarist Albert Lee. Miss been winning much attention in Harris is tapping a marvellous vein of fusion music with a the States. There is promise here in abundance. Don Everly, superb mix of sincerity, drive who with his brother Phil and homespun vocalism of played a historic role in Rocka-billy and mainstream pop, did a modest set for an audience not yet wound up, on a sound system not yet in balance.

It was an uneven evening perhaps, but the highs ultimately compensated for the dubious amplification. Country music is obviously not standing still out there in the cow passure. It's as dynamic and vital as ever, wearing its modern gear.

# Max Harrison

NPO/Navarro

Festival Hall

tomorrow.

The Spanish conductor Garcia. Navarro began his London debur concert with a lively, accurate performance of the "Ritual Fire Dance". It is a colourful, straightforwardly intense piece that gave the New Philharmonia

Orchestra no trouble, yet which seems just the music for the exorcism it accompanies in El Amor Brujo. Falla wrote this on returning to Spain after a long stay in Paris, and Rodrigo, likewise, composed his Concierto di Aranjuez after getting back to Madrid from a long period in France.

Country Music Festival Empire Pool, Wembley

Robert Shelton

America's "other" popular music had 15 hours to display its carnival charm, colour, during the weekend at the ninth International Festival of Country Music. About 25 American and English acts performed three nights for a total audience of more than 25 000

25,000. Commercial country music, once rooted in a folk tradition, has been widening its sway for half a century. It has developed a dozen sub-styles and regional accents, but it keeps on rolling and rocking, under the rubric of a popular rural idiom. Monday's hoedown was

designed to show contemporary influences that have been con-

refreshing honesty. Sharing honours, to my mind, were The Dillards, a five-man band that uncorked comedy, vitality, instrumental splash and close-harmony singing of uncommon skill and poise. The Dillard's hand-clapping Gospel singalong "Somebody Touched Me" was a high point

of the evening.

At another extreme was the Texas-born solo singer-guitarist Mickey Newbury. There is a



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# Cologne's Golden Age of art

For those inclined to think of old German art as invariably harsh in manner and grim in purport, a visit to the loan ex-hibition, Late Gothic Art from Cologne, now on view in London at the National Gallery has surprises in store. Little enough is usually to be seen in England of the products of Cologne's golden age, from about 1400 to 1500 AD when it was the largest city in Europe and one of the most prosperous. The paintings, carved sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, stained glass and textiles, coming mainly from the Walkraf-Richartz Museum

and the Schnütgen Museum at Cologne, with some loans from other sources and contributions from the National Gallery's own collection, show the radiantly peaceable aumosphere, the gentle treatment of devotional subjects and the idealization of feminine types that distinguish a school hardly known outside its own region.

In their akarpieces for Cologne's abundance of churches and panels for private chapels, the city's painters shared some general character-istics with others elsewhere in fifteenth-century Europe. The liking for brilliant colour and fine and decorative detail de-riving from the illuminated manuscript was widely enough distributed to be called international. The artists of Cologne, however, were distinct in their cultivation of the so-called "soft style" which may be taken to describe the refinement of pictorial treatment, and extending to the smoothly rounded and innocent features of female saints and angels. What it has been possible to term the "Cologne face" can be studied in the features of Saint Catherine of Alexandria and Saint Barbara in the two panels from the same altar-piece, divided between the Wallraf-Richariz Museum and the National Gallery, the work Stephan Lochner, the one inter of this anonymous

school identified by name. Lochner, whose Adoration of the Kings in Cologne Cathedral was seen with admiring wonder by Albrecht Dürer, was a cen-tral master who gave a lead to others, sculptors as well as painters. Delightful examples painters. Delightful examples the century to seek more of wood sculpture in the exhibitrealistic and dramatic expres-



Stephen Lochner: Saints Mark, Barbara and Luke, from an altarpiece

tion are close in character to the angelic types of the painted of the Netherlandish masters, is strikingly illustrated in the painters in the later years of the century to seek more

William Gaunt

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Musicians as 'informal salesmen '

Members of the London Symphony Orchestra will become director of the LSO, said yestersoring part of the orchestra's ence on both sides of the fence product. European tour this year. Rank has there been an overseas-Xerox is contributing £40,000 sponsored tour so totally towards the eastern section of planned and over so long a the tour, the greatest single period."

amount a British orchestra has seas secies.

informal safesmen" for the day: "This is new and differ-

go as far as saying: "Use our planned, Mr Michael Kaye, managing copiers for your scores "; nevertheless, there is to be a "teach- beginning on May 3, the orches-

> said, it could set the mould for guest conductors, a much more integrated policy Abbado and Colin Davis.

The musicians, say Rank of foreign tour sponsorship. A ever received for such an over- Xerox, will not be expected to future four is already being

in" at the Henry Wood Hall on tra gives 19 concerts in Ger-British company which is spon- ent in that never in my experi- Saturday to tell them about the many, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, If the pattern works, Mr Kaye tor, André Previn, and two

# At least Spain now has the chance to reject a different form of dictatorship

Ex Iberia semper aliquid novi. Not so long ago that strange, square peninsula was the most stable political area on earth, its two governments headed by the two longest surviving of the world's dictators; one of them had held power for nearly 40 years, the other for even longer. indeed, beside Salazar and Franco, Tito was a newcomer and Mao an upstart; Hitler himself, on their scale, had come and gone in an eye-blink, and even Stalin's rule had lacked

What is more, although it was generally recognized that rule as personal as that of the two Iberian dictators must in-evitably lead, on their death, to a period of considerable danger (at the very least) for their two countries, the impli-cations were scarcely faced elsewhere; it seemed almost as though the expert analysts had become hypnotized into a sub-conscious belief in the immorrality of the Spanish and Portuguese tyrants, a belief desperately and tenaciously desperately and tenaciously held by the dictators themselves, driven to it as they were by their own fear of death, itself demonstrated in their obsessive refusal to hand over to even

the most trustworthy successor. This fear throws an interesting light on the minds of those who wield absolute temporal power. The very same reluc-tance to face the inevitable, with exactly the same consevision exactly the seen today in Yugoslavia; even the commenta-tors have the same curiously detached air, as though specula-tion on what will follow Tito's death has no practical purpose, because the question is never going to arise. Tito, like Franco, has had to convince himself that his own imminent extinction may somehow be postroned if he continues to behave as though it will never happen. (Considering the physical courage undeniedly postessed by both of them, this timor mortis can hardly be explained in other than the psychopolitical terms that I em normally cereful to avoid. But the conclusion is surely obvious: Franco and Tito, with their striking similarities of character and resime, both long ago reelized in their hearts that their political systems were amounted to contest the forthcoming elections. The Government had clearly (and understandably) come with considerable









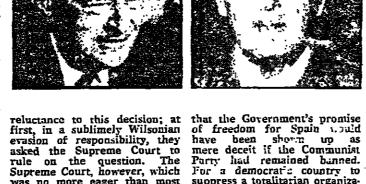
The great dictators: Hitler, Stalin, Tito, Mao and (below) the most enduring of them all, Salazar and Franco.

built upon sand because they ignored the deepest truths of own deaths thus came to symbolize the impermanence of their political philosophies, they were obliged to shut out the possibility from their minds.)

The Thousand Year Reich lasted for twelve; the Portuguese dictatorship, believed impervious to carthquakes, was swept away in a single day; and now Spain - Spain! - moves step by step towards democracy, where hardly more than a year ago the flag of Franco's rule still flew without a single rent in its fabric.

Step by step indeed; no student of politics, let alone his-tory, can fail to rub his eyes in wonder at the news that Franco's own political organization, through which he had wielded such absolute and un-questioned power, has now been dissolved. The suppression of the Movimento must have come, to Spaniards, as would the news that the Equator had been abolished; nothing could have better demonstrated the determination of the King and the provisional government to fulfil their promise to move Spain towards true political

But an even more astonishing action was to follow: it was announced at the weekend that



was no more eager than most people (I except Socrates) to drain a poisoned chalice, ruled firmly that it had nothing to do with them, but was a purely political matter. The Govern-ment ponderer a week, then nerved themselves for the decision. Little guidance was available

from precedent. Such questions did not arise—they had no time to—in Portugal; in the superficially comparable Federal Germany, which banned all totalitarian parties, Nazi and Communist alike, the origins and position of the new state meant that its problems were unique. Spain was on her own. convinced of the genuineness of We can dismiss the argument the Spanish Communist Party's



suppress a totalitarian organization, except in times of crisis as grave as wer, would certainly weaken the democratic fabric itself. For a state which has not known anything like true liberty-though of course Spain has long had a degree of freedom far greater than that of any Communist country-for over a third of a century, and is moving away from totalita-rian rule, the legalization of a party pledged to impose a totalitarianism of its own pre-sents a dilemma of a different order altogether. (It will be surmised from the way I put it that I am less than wholly

conversion to democracy. Such a surmise would be correct.) And yet the risk surely had to be taken. Not because a refusal to take it would have displeased the Spanish Communist Party, nor because that organization speaks for a considerganization speaks for a consider-able number of Speniards. Nor was the risk justified on mere balance - of - disadvantage grounds, though probably the campaign of subversion and even violence likely to follow a refusal might well have been more damaging to Spain than open Communist political activity, including proselytising and participation in the elections.

For what would have been implied by the choice of the alternative? Obviously — but this is not very important—that the present rulers of Spain fear for the success of their slow march to democracy. Well they might; it is not only the threat from a legal Communist Party they must fear, but a reaction from the embittered Francoists who see their power vanishing, and are tempted to try to seize it back before it is too late.

organizations as the Commu-nist Party is one which implicitly rests on the unfitness of Spaniards to sample the wine of democracy without dilution. Ironically, it was the argument used for years in countries like Britain by the fellow-travellers of Franco, and it is exactly chance to demonstrate as much. perallel to the one used by the defenders of Mr Vorster, the C Times Newspapers Ltd 1977

apologists for communist states and the supporters of black dictatorship in Africa.

Democracy, we are told, is "not suitable "for ... fill in to taste. The Russians have never known democracy, and besides, their temperament is such that they wouldn't even want it. The Chinese are even more remarkable people—they actively despise and indignantly reject (all eight hundred million of them) such disgusting notions as free elections and a multiplicity of published opinions. In South Africa of course, the black population charming in its way, is utterly childlike, by no means ready for even a limited say in its own life. As for Africans in one-party Tanzania, one-party Angola, one-party Mozambique, one-party Ethiopia, one-party— well almost every black-ruled

well almost every black-rulen African state—they have the opposite quality; they are so astonishingly sophisticated and mature that they realize how unimportant are the forms of democracy, which can safely be left to the effete Europeans while they prosper and advance under the autocratic rule of their black bosses.

And so the Spaniards, emerging from the long twilight of Franco's rule, must first be taught to cherish freedom. lest they cast it away without realizing its value.

I do not believe it. I believe the Spanish people, like those of East Germany and Iran. Rhodesia and Cuba, Libya and Vietnam. Tibet and Argentina, are capable of forming their own sound judgments on a range of political choices, be it never so wide; even if it is so wide; and includes totalizations of both left and right. terianism of both left and right. The Portuguese people very nearly fell into the grip of The argument that underlies a fear of lifting the ban on cuch organizations as the Community to the grip of the opportunity to the opportunity tou against the Communists, they voted overwhelmingly against. The situation in Spain is cons derably more propitions than it was next door, and I do not believe that the Spanish people will choose differently. I am glad they will now have the

# Why the opium poppy may bloom and strawberry beds lie fallow

There are strawberries growing annually from drug abuse-it in northern Thailand and two West German policemen on duty in Afghanistan. The connexion is opium because the strawberries were planted as ore about its cost shows the a substitute crop for the opium. Americans hoist by their own poppy and the policemen are petard. advising the Afghanis on better control of the drug.

However, there are now fears that there may soon be limbe The two projects were financed from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control but this conduit for international cooperation against drug abuse is facing financial crisis.

The latest report of the International Narcotics Control grave danger that multilateral assistance will be curtailed if international bodies and in particular the Fund fail to obtain essential resources from a growing number of donors; this would be a severe blow to

international narcotics control." The blow could come later this month on Capitol Hill in Washington if a number of congressmen fulfil their threats to cut back American contributions to the fund.

The way they see it the

Americans have been picking up the bill benefiting other countries who also have drug abuse problems, but are reluc-On a recent tour of Europe the congressmen castigated a number of countries for their paltry contributions.

There is no doubt the United States has been far and away the biggest contributor. Between the fund's foundation in 1971 and 1975 the Americans gave \$15m out of a total of \$19m in either contributions or promises. The next largest contributor was Canada with \$608,000 while the United Kingdom was some way down the list with \$355,000.

Given the size of the American drug problem—last year President Ford estimated there were 5,000 Americans dying

is not surprising there has been a large commitment. It is even less surprising when one considers the creation of the fund because the current furCOFFI

The fund originated with the Nixon administration in Washington and not the UN building in New York. President Nixon that there may soon be little and his advisers wanted to get money for future strawberry at the roots of the drug prob-crops or peripatenc policemen. lem but they found a number of key countries in the Third World were loath to accept funds and diplomatically embarrass themselves. The fund became the vehicle for American dollars.

Since then it has become a major instrument in a policy of fighting drug abuse on an Board warned: "There is a international level. The fund has achieved important work in setting up crop substitution schemes in a number of comtries. In Turkey an Americaninspired ban on the onium poppy crop failed but the fund was used to set up successful controls for a legal crop to supply the world's needs for

But it has also received abuse for promoting projects of dubious value with too few controls on expenditure. Its critics point, for example, to a project for organizing drug abuse statis-tics for countries with few statis-tical facilities. The end result was too sophisticated for most developed countries to manage. ability and budgeting control at an international level have been major subject of debate for

the past two years and have not helped attempts to spread the financial load. But most countries have had to plead economic restraint. The trouble is that any saving now may prove to be very expen-sive in the long run. In 1971 Western Europe could smugly plead that serious drug abuse was largely an American prob-lem. In 1977 that is no longer

Stewart Tendler

MS TO BI

# Czechs: still in the grip of the graveyard

Why is Czechoslovakia, after eight years of "consolidation" still waiting in vain for more liberal policies? Why has every attempt by the opposition to launch a dialogue with the ruling circles ended in an escalation of police terror, accompanied by a hate-filled smear campaign? Why is the regime so touchy when accused society into a blind alley. Their of failing to give its citizens sole aim is to stay in power as basic human and civil rights? long as possible and to main. Why has its reaction to tain the status quo at all cost.

The tip of this iceberg are in Czechoslovakia it is the whole the people willing to take the of society that suffers, and it risk of saving "no". They are Charter 77 been based on the same old recipe: intensive police action combined with a **Drobaganda campaign, in the** mass media reminiscent of Goebbels, Streicher, and the atmosphere of the fifties with their political show trials? 1968 Czechoslovakia attempted to introduce profound structural social reforms. This process was violently interrupted by the Soviet invasion in August that year. Thus foundered the attempt to rescue the nation from the spiritual consequences of two decades of totalitarian rule and a system imposed on the country from abroad, which was in keeping neither with the requirements nor the traditions of Czecho-

The profound crisis that gave rise to the Prague Spring has not been resolved. Czecho-slovak society remains sick. The country was occupied, the poli-tical, economic and legal re-forms scrapped and condemned and those who supported them turned into outcasts in the Czechoslovak version of aparrheid. Free speech and the expression of public opinion have been suppressed, education forced into the straitjacket of conformity.

The people who today rule

clock back 10 or 20 years to the very situation which gave rise to the political crisis of the sixties and to the Prague Spring, which was its result. By doing so they have paralysed society and jeopardizing its future politically, economically and morally.
This ruling class has driven

In this situation, the question is its of human and civil rights has stake. become crucial. The very survival of the system depends on their suppression. The regime feels (indeed is) in mortal danger if it admits that the citizens of Czechoslovakia have, for instance, the right freely to express their opinions, and freely to assemble and organize. It is in mortal danger once it loses the ability to enforce obedience by the threat of loss of employment, of barring entry to secondary school and uni-versity for the children of numerous citizens, and the many other means it resorts to for this purpose. That is why even the slightest

attempt at voicing an opinion at variance with the party's monopoly of "truth"—a collection of poems, a novel, a pop song, a leaflet informing people of their rights in an election, a letter from a group of relatives demanding the release of political prisoners, or a petition such as Charter 77 nervous system of the central nervous system of the totalitarian regime. That is why every expression of civil or spiritual freedom acquires the guise of an act of capacition ever when an act of opposition even when its originators have no such intention, as in the case of Charter 77. That is why the

and civil rights can only be yet stations to find out what is go-more infringements of those ing on abroad as well as in their rights.

If what the Prague propa-

ganda machine said in January were really so, if this were just those who humiliate them and a case of a small group of at themselves for allowing people trying to defend their themselves to be humiliated own narrow interests, there would be little to get excited about. Injustices and wrongs can be found in any society. But in Czechoslovakia it is the whole of sectors that entered and corrupted. This is the explosive charge waiting for the next acute outbursts of crisis.

The tip of this iceberg are the people willing to take the is its very future that is

Czechoslovek society as a whole rejected the totalisarian regime in 1968, demanding a reformed, democratic, pluralistic system. The ruling class had to resort to a massive application of power to suppress this movement: in the years that followed it succeeded in enforcing or buying the obedience of some, induoing apathy in others, and depriving many among the rest of hope. These methods of manipulation have, however, turned against the rulers, who realize that they lack the support of the population. They are afraid of what the silent, seemingly apolitical and consumer minded majority might do if granted fundamental human and civil

This majority is the sub-merged larger part of the ice-berg. They have gritted their berg. They have griffed their teeth and adopted the mimicry of officially proclaimed lies and hypocrisies in order to lead a comfortable life, but also because they can see no other way out. Afraid to lose the liftie they have, they turn up at sham elections, attend May Day parades, put out Soviet flow and some even sign state. flegs, and some even sign state-ments condemning Charter 77 without so much as having read it. But in private they grumble and listen to foreign radio

own country. In their sub-conscious there is a growing anger and hatred directed at

neither political fanatics, nor are they all intellectuals. They share an awareness of their human and civic responsibility. They act on the strength of their conviction that what they do is in harmony with the true feelings of that silent majority, that they express its sentiments until, as in 1968, public opinion

makes itself heard again.

The millions of people who in 1968 expressed their desire to live as free human beings, who in August, 1968, protested against the Soviet occupation, who in their hundreds of thousands marched through the streets in January, 1969, to honour the memory of Jan Palach; the crowds whose childish joy at Czechoslovakia's ice hockey victory over the USSR gave expression to their political sentiments-they have not vanished without trace, but have merely been pacified for

The present rulers of Czechoslovakia are convinced that if they succeed in silencing the formerly politically active section of the population and the two generations of intellectuals who in the sixtles formulated and tried to implement the programme of democratiza-tion, and if at the same time they manage to indoctrinate.

corrupt and manipulate the young and cut them off from sources of information, they will have triumphed for the next 20 or more years. They Czechoslovakia off from the rest of the world, from European culture and its spiritual heritage, they will build a most which it will become impossible The tip of this iceberg are to bridge.

Charter 77 derived from a conviction that the struggle for

be fought out at home, inside Czechoslovakia, and that no nation could expect freedom through outside intervention. At the same time supporters of the Charter are aware that their struggle is in keeping with the spirit of détente and with international conventions, especially the Final Act of the Helsinki conference. This made certain aspects of the internal systems of the signatory states a matter for international attention. It can succeed only if the free countries of the world lend their support to those in Czechoslovakia who do not want their country to remain an ice-floe of oppression and lack of freedom in the heart of Europe.

Vilem Precan Dr Precan, born in 1933, is a Czech historian. He was one of the authors of the Black Book, which documented the Sovietled invasion of 1968 and its immediate aftermath. He was dismissed from the Historical Institute in Prague in 1970 and legal proceedings were started against him the following year, when the Black Book was declared subversive. In 1975 he appealed to the World Congress of Historians in San Francisco In July, 1976, he was allowed to emigrate to West Germany, where he now lives.

# Britons in a tight spot The British love to travel, but

on the day planned. Some stay a few weeks, others several years. And all at the host country's expense. For this is the season when the local British consul receives a desperate telephone call, probably from some remote police station, quite likely in the middle of the night, from a traveller whose holiday has come to an abrupt

the end of last month, there were 568 Britons in detention around the morks: 85 in Africa, 34 in the Indian sub-continent, South East Asia and the Far East, 18 in the Middle East, 69 in the Americas and no fewer than 355 in Europe, plus seven in the eastern block.

How do we get into so much rouble? Part of the explanation is drugs. In the European total, 141 have been sentenced for offences concerning drugs and another 88 are awaiting trial. By contrast the next category, which covers embezzlement, fraud, theft, burglary and robbery, comes to only 44 sentenced and 21 awaiting trial.

In Africa, people are more In Africa, people are more likely to get into trouble for "security offences", wittingly or not, as has happened to Miss Jane Wright, whose boat ran aground in Somalia. She has been held for 21 weeks so far without the British consul being granted access, while the Somalian authorities proceed with their own inquiries. with their own inquiries.

The figures for Britons in jail abroad have been fairly constant for the past 10 years. The consul concerned does what he can to advise people about legal representation, helps to arrange the transfer of funds and notifies the Foreign Office in

We have found the ideal

people our, even though they may merely have acted foolishly or carelessly, rather than with criminal intent. As the little pamphlet entitled "Essential Information" for holders of United Kingdom passports remarks, "Hobbies like aircraft, train or ship spotting, and even bird watching, are hable to mis-interpretation and may lead to your being arrested for spy-ing. . ".

The temptation, when British citizens languish abroad, is to thump on the table, summon the ambassador of the country concerned to the Foreign Office. and fire off a strong protest. This seldom pays. It is not so much that a British passport does not command quite the respect it may have done in the old days, rather that new countries have their own traditions and their own sensitivities, In the case of the Tyler family, seized by a guerrilla group in the wilds of Ethiopia, it took months of what the Foreign Office calls unorthodox pro-cedures, behind the scenes, to secure their safe release.

London. The consular department
It is not always easy gening comes into the review of foreign

representation which the Central Policy Review Staff is now

The Tyler family : unorthodox procedures.

completing. It seems to be of the opinion that rather too much help is given to people who get into trouble by their own fault. People expect expert assistance from the govern-ment, perhaps more than other countries provide. The consul is not a travel agent, still less a "soft touch". He is there to help people who have no one

else to turn to.

There are 47 consular staff at home and 317 abroad, plus 958 locally engaged staff. Their efforts clearly have to be spread very thin, considering that last year British people spent 146,000,000 days abroad. The number of places where consular assistance is provided can be reduced, perhaps, but that will not reduce the calls. On the contrary, it will mean more work for the other con-suls. Certainly if the service is cut, as a result of the Think Tank's recommendations, travel-lers must realize that they will get less help.

> David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

# The Times Diary

Trying to lift the frog curse

Last time Robin Young wrote about TA, or transactional analysis, he suggested that it was just a fency name for people being nice to one another. It is a system of psychotherapy which encourages practitioners to give "strokes", or emotional rewards, like a kind word or a nice smile, to get desired Now a centre has been set

up in a house in north London and last week a TA Festival was held there. It was led by two Americans who "have done much to spread Transactional Analysis and innovative psychotherapeutic attitudes and techniques ".

riquet".

Young joined the 30 or so participants who paid £2 to attend the inaugural evening session, engagingly entitled The Frog Curse. He reports:

As we took our seats we were welcomed by a "training associate" who minned on each of

ciate " who pinned on each of us a lapel badge depicting a large green frog, to which she added our first names. The idea, she explained, was that we were about to hear how we

unainly, awkward frogs we had become in life into the beautiful princes and princesses we would wish to be in our favourite dreams or fairy stories.

could be transmuted from the

Larry Mart, a cheery man wearing an open-necked shirt. a necklace and turned-back cuffs, was a collaborator of the late Eric Berne, author of Games People Play and originator of TA. He and his collective league, Gaylon Palmer, a woman of carefully cosmetic appearance, swung into their presentation at breathtaking speed, announcing that they could quickly tell just from looking at a person how his or her parents had come to conceive. They shocked us even more by saying they wanted us to act out the various scenarios they described.

Mart called for a volunteer to have his manner of conception and personal attitude to sex analysed on sight. I stood in a corner, and was quickly told that when my parents conceived me one was acting in deception and the other from resignation. Resignation, I am sorry to say, showed most in A woman called Pat refused

to play these sort of games. "I really don't want to", she protested. She was thus labelled un-OK, in the parlance of the technique.

"We believe", explained Mart, adding as an aside that this was where they parted company from the Judaeo-Christian ethic and Sigmund Freud, "that everyone is born an OK person. But then they are scripted and expergenment so scripted and programmed so that they are forced to be a certain way. When they are locked in their scripts we say they are frogs in the frogpond."

The definitive programming, we learnt, was in our "polly-wog" years, from nought to six. Mart and Palmer talked confidently about the effects of dif-ferent manners of breast-feeding and porty-training, which we were called upon to act out. we regularly slept eight hours a f18,193.60p for the pronight, and "spaced out" our gramme's "Lifeline Lebanon"
days with trying to keep busy, eating well and decided to the proeating well and drinking rather a lot then we had a problem. We were "undernurtured", getting too little of our "favourite currency values", deprived of which we might ecome suicidal.

There would be more revela-

There would be more revela-tions, we were promised, at a gain in the children's section

sex and intimacy workshop later in the week, price £15. We could also learn to nurture ourselves, if we were sleeping and serves, in we were steeping and eating too well, in treatment groups at £4 each per evening, a mind and body workshop, or a 24-hour "experiential marathon" at the end of the week, at £30. We should emerge as OK Princes and Princesses, the Frog Curse lifted.

Kids' stuff

A postcard depicting an onion fetched £1.40 at Phillips yesterday, while a matching picture of a tomato went nor the Fine art experts regarded the prices as good, an accurate reflection of the current cost of vegetables. The prices also gave an indication of current levels of pocket money, which seems to be escaping the social contract.

The euction, of 312 lots of stamps and cards donated by viewers of the children's tele-vision programme Blue Peter, appeal, which will go to pro-vide medical aid and rehabilitation for young victims of the civil war there. Viewers have already provided a medical team and supplies to help children injured and made homeless by the fighting. of the sale went to a young man called Adam who, in spite of his father's efforts to keep his arm down, picked up a prized set of old Eagle Annuals, donated by the children's television presenter John Craven, for £4.20. In the more serious section,

in the huge assorted collection of postcards. The highest price of the day, £280, was paid for a bundle of 2,000 cards in-Cluding a number by Donald McGill, the master of the rude seaside card. Another dealer paid £75 for a single card. Ronnie Barker, an avid postcard buff, donated an album from his personal collection, which made £50.

The young bidders who had sat patiently under the hot television lights for two hours were rewarded with easter eggs, a small token of the auctioneers' esteem for their saving the onion and tomato cards for the nation.

Joker

Spile Milligan opened Puffin books' exhibition for children at the Mall Galleries yesterday, and proved so popular that any jokes he may have made were inaudible at the back of an admiring throng of parents and children. The children's own jokes, however, were on display for all to see, chalked up among the exhibits.



Groan-provoking samples of childish bumour had been culled from thousands sent in to the Puffin Club, along with the competition entries which provide most of the exhibits on display. Some, said an organizer, were very advanced educationally. For example: "What is copper nitrate?—Overtime pay for a policeman." She also rose wine, plus 122 per cent approved the surrealist imagina-

tion of: "What is air?—A And a single cheeseburger balloon with the skin taken was a breathtaking £4. The children visiting the exhibition, at any rate, seemed to read each other's jokes more

avidly than they did the short stories and essays which had won prizes in their competi-tions.

Cheesed off

The head of an international trading company has written to tell me of the dreadful time he and three others (two of them Americans) had at the restaurant of the Carlton Tower Hotel in London one recent Sunday. The food, he alleges, was badly cooked, the portions stingy and "the service more akin to a railway café".

I get such letters from time to time and do not often follow them up. Some restaurants are terrible all the time and others have off days with varying fre-quency. Since I have not eaten at the Carlton Tower for several years, I am unsure into which of those categories it fits.

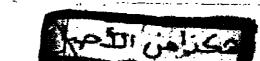
But what intrigued me about this plaintiff's letter was the prices he quoted. For two first courses, four main courses, two scoops of ice cream, four coffees and a bottle of Tavel

When I checked with the hotel they said he had underpriced it. Their cheeseburgers are £4.25. The spokeswoman explained plained that they contained 12-oz of best ground sirloin. 20z of cheese, plus fried onions, tomato and coleslaw (bur not chips, which are 75p extra).

It was true, she admitted, that a cheeseburger at a hamburger joint would cost much less. "But what you're paying for is being in the Rib Room, one of the host terms." one of the best restaurants in London. We use best quality. meat and some people say there's just too much for one person to eat."
Which shows how people's

views can differ; for the reader described the portions as "minuscule", the meal as a "sheer disgrace" and furned: 'An apology will not suffice"

Asked a short time ago if a reporter from this newspaper could sit in on a couple of its.
panels, the Arts Council duly met in full session and turned us down. " It would ", they said, create a precedent: everyone would want to do it". So the public will have to remain in ignorance about how decisions are taken on where £41.7m of





# THE OFFICE OF DPP

carly years were bedevilled by controversy, much of it stemming from the personalities and policies of some of the less happy appoinments to it. More recently, criticism of the DPP has centred on specific decisions he has taken, both to prosecute or to refrain from doing so, whether in individual cases or, more generally, in a particular area of the criminal law. There is no longer any respectable hody of opinion which believes mut the holder of the office shows partiality or unfairness to particular people, groups or classes. The retiring holder of the office, Sir Norman Skelhorn, has been completely free from any such allegations. To suggest, therefore, as Sir Peter Rawlinson has done, that with the appointment of a new DPP it would be appropriate to review the functions of the office, is not a criticism of Sir Norman or his

Any such review would be bound to take place in the context of the current debate over the system of public prosecution in England and Wales. One view is that the system should be radically altered in favour of something like the Scottish procedure, with a procurator-fiscal figure in charge of all prosecutions, and the police playing no part at all in the decision whether or not to start criminal proceedings. A less radical proposal would introduce national uniformity in the prosecution process, which ar present differs widely between the 41 police authorities. Often linked to that is a proposal for the appointment of area or

recent predecessors.

" regional DPP's. Even without any reorganizanon of the system of public prosecution, there is a case for looking closely at the role of the DPP, for he is indeed a peculiar animal. Although appointed by the Home Secretary, he is responsible to the Attorney General

The office of Director of Public and through him, to Parliament are political implications. His Prosecutions was created less (any claims which the Home discretion, on paper, is thus than a century ago, in 1879. Its DPP's master were removed, by statute, in 1946). The DPP's functions include taking decisions on whether or not to prosecute in certain cases or kinds of cases, or give his consent to a prosecution, as well as controlling and advising generally on the conduct of prosecutions and on questions of policy which

> Most of his duties and responsibilities are laid down by statute, the Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1946 being the most important. The DPP's consent to prosecute is required for all offences punishable by death (only one is left now, treason), for some serious common law offences, such as murder and conspiracy, and for some ninety-five separate offences which require his con-sent by statute. They include most sexual offences, obscene publications, illegal abortions, sedition, many serious offences against the person, all offences committed by police officers, some fraud and Companies Act infringements, and all matters

involving possible extradition. There is also a motley group of offences requiring the DPP's consent to prosecute on such diverse subjects as underwater pipelines, water resources, trading with the enemy, aiding and abetting suicide, oil pollution, radio-active substances, reservoirs, football pools and the National Health Service. He must also authorize all withdrawals of prosecutions already commenced.

The DPP also advises government departments, the police and any other authorities either on their initiative or his own, "in any criminal matter which appears to him to be of importance or difficulty". That can include, for example, cases where the potential defendant is someone in the public eye or the holder of a senior position or is very old, cases where a arose haphazardly, and the difficult question of law is ensemble seems to lack a involved, and cases where there rational basis.

difficult to question. Public reasons are never given. He has it theoretically within his power to discontinue, as a matter of policy, prosecutions in an entire field of law, and some believe that he has done virtually that in the field of pornography. It must not be forgorten, however, that his refusal to consent to a prosecution does not prohibit a private citizen asserting his right to launch one, except in respect of those offences for the prosecution of which statute requires his consent.

How much discretion does he have in practice? His relationship with the Attorney General is perhaps the most shadowy area of his job. He is clearly stated by the 1946 regulations to be "in all matters . . . subject to the directions of the Attorney General". The consent of that law officer himself is required for some prosecutions, such as those involving terrorism or national security. Even where his consent is not specifically provided for, he has the final say on everything to do with criminal proceedings. Just as government departments and the police consult the DPP in difficult cases, so does the DPP consult the Attorney General when he thinks the case warrants it. In practice there is constant consultation between the two departments, at all levels.

The lack of clarity in that relationship must be a criticism of it. Who, in effect, makes the decisions, the DPP or the Attorney? It is right that different levels of criminal cases should be dealt with at differ-ent levels of decision-making authority. It can hardly be right that the public has no idea who is really responsible for prosecution policy, and what criteria are used. There is also a strong case for looking at all the DPP's functions together. Many of them

### LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM HEATHROW

In the normal way, a management that decided to call in blackleg labour to ward off the effects of an industrial dispute, even an unofficial one, would invite a scolding from trade unionists generally, and damage its relationship even with the union that had declined to give its blessing to its striking members Today things are by no means so clear-cut. British Air-ways took a risk when they larranged for other workers (trade unionists themselves) to make minor checks on aircraft usually done by the maintenance engineers who are in unofficial dispute with the airline.

Most of their colleagues on the day shift did respond yesterday to their appeal to stop work. Since the line's entire operations would soon be brought to a halt by a complete stoppage, the company's gamble may yer fail. But there have been no sounds of outrage from the TUC and the response of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has been ambiguous. Mr Reg Birch immediately condemned the arrangement with the other airport unions in strong terms. But he stands well towards the left of the union's leadership, and Mr Scanlon, its leader, seems in have found it possible to contain his own indignation. Formally, at least, the union did not give its assent to the arrangement. It was represented at the meeting where it was discussed and merely "dissociated itself" from the plan. Its embarrassment over the challenge to its urbority is acute, however, and it is doubtful even now whether will be ready to declare he maintenance men's action

ificial The airline's agreement with he fourteen other unions at fleathrow does not involve pay and separate negotiating

rom Lady Britton and Mrs V. M.

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Nursery education

porters tinkering with aeroengines. A proportion of maintenance engineers have been at work on the day shift throughout the dispute, enough to keep a number of planes in working order. The agreement enables other workers to make the relatively simple routine checks without which the planes could not be brought into use. Domestic and continental flights were tinental planes can easily be serviced abroad, and because intercontinental flights were given precedence as a matter of

policy. The unofficial action is a ban on overtime and night shift working. Men scheduled for night work during the dispute have turned up in the morning and been turned away. The company is preparing dismissal notices for about a third of the Heathrow maintenance staff. The dispute is costing it about £3m a day in revenue. Sir Frank the chairman, McFadzean, declared last week (and Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State for Employment, hinted) that a prolonged dispute would affect official policy towards future public investment in the com-

With the Government against them, and the airline, and the other airport unions, with their own union uncertain and with some of their own colleagues apparently hesitant about walking out in solidarity, the shop stewards may seem isolated. In many ways they are, but in one sense they are not. Their grievance is the common complaint of almost every group of workers with special skills anywhere where the writ of the social contract has run. Basically their demand for better shift

rights expresses a conviction that neither phases one and two nor their own union have been sufficiently concerned to protect their differentials. In this respect, of course, the Heathrow dispute is closely comparable with the action of other members of the same union in British Leyland, and with the electricians' strike at the Port Talbor steelworks. Thousands of fully justified grudge, but are rightly waiting at least until July before giving it force. The union declares that on this

point it has every sympathy with the maintenance men. But its history and its structure combine to make it more subject than most unions to open conflicts of interest between more skilled and less skilled workers. The Heathrow shop stewards feel that their interests would be better served if they spoke for themselves. So do many others; but that way lies industrial chaos. It is a characteristic of British trade unions that they tend to gather in a heterogeneous mass workers with nothing very much in common, Industry-based unions, where workers of different degrees of skill have a common stake in the success of their industry, are relatively rare witness Heathrow itself, with its 15 unions. This structural problem makes it especially difficult to gain acquiescence in an incomes policy that would have a real chance of easing the tensions created in the past two years. Yet the Heathrow men show little sign of having understood that harsher economic disciplines will enforce restraint if there is no formal agreement, and that, as Mr Albert Booth observed last week, there is not much differential in the dole

their work had been properly appreciated we should long ago have had many more of them and might not now be so troubled by the failure of later educational provision to have the desired effect. Surely the last victims of cuts in spending should be these children. All under-fives should have pre-school experience appropriate to their needs. Nursery schools and classes are an essential element in a balanced programme in which other forms of provision including

playgroups play a part. Yours faithfully, N. BRITTON, Chairman, British Association for Early Childhood Education Montgomery Hall, Kennington Oval, SE11. VICTORIA HURST, Chairman, National Campaign for Nursery Education. 33 Hugh Street, SW1.

Trade unionists' fears

From Mr Fred Hardman Sir, Mr Jasper Rootham (April 1) refers forebodingly to confrontation between Government (of any party) and the TUC. There is another confrontation building up, that between rank and file trades unionists and their left-wing lenders on the TUC.

Conservative trades unionists can-vassing in the Steehford by election had plenty of evidence that erstare sometimes led to their being vassing in the Stechford by election between the superficial had plenty of evidence that erstiewer; if the crucial importance of while Labour voters are voting

Conservative. And the reason most often given? Labour Government and TUC cooperation has doubled unemployment, reduced living standards and meant savage cuts in education and social services, particularly in regard to the pensioners.

A close second is the fear of the power of the TUC in forcing the Labour Government to pass legisla-tion that denies a man the chance

Yours sincerely, FRED HARDMAN, Chairman, Conservative Trades Unionists National Committee. Coppice House Coslbrookdale

Mother's occupation?

Broadwell.

April 6.

Moreton in Marsh,

Gioncestersbire.

From Mrs. J. M. Jarvis Sir, In answer to Mr Nugee's letter (April 6), I think I can suggest a reason why application forms ask for his father's occupation but do not refer to his mother. If he reads the obituaries for a week or two he will notice that many distinguished men and women have apparently-like Athene—had no mother. Yours sincerely, JANET JARVIS. Pavne's Cortage,

Salop. . April 2

Byron's heart, there is no revela-tion in the letter which the Curator of Newstead has acquired (news report, The Times, April 6). His lungs, not his heart, were the organ given to a church in Missolonghi as a relic. This appears from a protocol drawn up locally at the time in Greek and Italian and published for the first time, in translation, by the late Sir Harold Nicolson in Byron's

Byron's remains

From Mr Michal Vyvyan

Last Journey in 1921.

Besides the lungs the protocol refers to four "vases" containing his "revered entrails" and Byron's executor, John Cam Hobbiouse, when be went on board the ship bearing Byron's remains, mentions besides the coffin "the chest containing the vases that hold the heart and brains

Ten days later Hobbouse's diary, from which these extracts were first published by Leslie Marchand in his Byron biography in 1957, men-tions twice "the coffin and the urn" at the funeral; so it would appear that the contents of the "vases" had all been mingled by this time in the single receptacle with a brass plate which Mr Bett-

Far more important is the evidence which Miss Wood's information seems to have added to the subject of Byron's lameness and the deformity of one or both of his feet. I look forward to the reaction of experts in this classical controversy.

Yours faithfully. MICHAL VYVYAN, Crag House, Near Crook, Kendal, Westmorland. April 6.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The danger of nuclear prolifera-tion is real. Together with the technological arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union, it poses the greatest threat to the survival of mankind. In a plutonium

economy, with all nations becoming economy, with all nations becoming nuclear weapon states through their nuclear technology, a nuclear war— started by an accident or miscalcu-lation, by an act of desperation or

The situation is bad already with

some 25 more countries becoming "nuclear" within the next decade,

even with conventional reactors.

But it will become hopeless with the

fast breeder reactor. The reason for this was spelled out by the propon-ents of the fast breeder themselves.

Without fast breeders there will not

be enough uranium to meet the future energy needs of the world.

Alternative sources will then have to be found, as would surely happen

poured into the nuclear industry

were used to explore these other sources. On the other hand, if we

proceed with the fast breeder reac-

tor programme, the sheer momen-tum of the enormous capital invest-

ment will carry us to a worldwide plutonium economy, with its inher-

ent threat of nuclear war.
As it is, a tremendous effort will be required to reduce the danger

from the 30 actual and potential "conventional nuclear" powers. The Non-Proliferation Treaty and

the safeguard system of the Inter-

national Atomic Energy Agency will have to be given real strength. To make the NPT acceptable to all

nations, the two superpowers will have to bonour their undertaking

in Article VI of the Treaty to pur-sue the goal of nuclear disarma-

ment. The breakdown of the recent SALT meeting in Moscow has shown how difficult this is going

to be. Other nations must do all

they can to make it easier for the

superpowers to reach agreement on the reduction and eventual elimi-

nation of nuclear weapons. This will not be helped if, at the same time,

we provide means for more nations

to become infected with the "nuclear disease". It is not a question, as Sir John Hill suggested.

of strengthening the NPT instead of stopping the fast breeder. Both are

needed, and if we fail in either of

Should the British Government not only welcome but actively sup-

port President Carter in his attempt

to stop the plutonium economy, there is a good chance that other

nations will join and that the danger of a nuclear war will be

Sir, I am glad that the Poultry Re-

search Centre has, after 10 years' investigation, been able to solve the wortying problem of modern hears'

who have been worried lest food quality should be changed by tech-nology will be reassured to know the fault lies with the housewife,

not the heu. May I offer some simple advice, known to oll hus-bands who have learnt to boil an

egg, that a small pin prick made in the eggs rounded end will let

sac and save the shell from splitexpanding air escape from the air

them we are lost.

Yours faithfully,

. ROTBLAT.

The Athenseum

Pall Mall, SW1.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. BROOKES, 10 High Beech,

Fragile eggshells

From Mr. G. F. Brookes

diminished

April 12.

the effort and money now

of madness—is almost a

#### Future energy supplies

From the Chairman of the National help the US nuclear industry to catch up, is wicked as well as Sir, President Carter's announce groundless.

our president carters announce-ment last week of the new American policy on nuclear power has very wide implications for world energy developments as a whole. It emphasizes the need to keep all energy options open and to spread the effort through the whole range of possibilities.

In the debate on nuclear develop-

ments, the vital and continuing need for fossil fuels is often missed. Even if nuclear prospects were un-affected by the doubts which President Carter has now so forcibly expressed, there would still be a need to make the best use of the world's fossil fuel reserves. The world's tossil tuel reserves. Ine fact is that nuclear power—and renewable resources yet to be developed—will mainly produce base load electricity, whereas fossil fuels will be required for a very long time to meet the need for higher value uses such as transport and chamicals.

and chemicals.

In the UK we are particularly In the UK we are particularly fortunate in having at our disposal a full range of fossil fuels—coal gas and oil—as well as an advanced nuclear technology and a research capability to tackle the problems presented by renewable sources. What is required is a clearly de-

fined system of priorities.
Substantial resources of finance and expertise have rightly been devoted to exploiting the gas and oil reserves of the North Sea. But these are generally acknowledged to have a limited life. Our greatest resources of fossil fuel by far are our massive coal reserves. It is for this reason that the management and unions in the coal industry have jointly presented a plan to government which goes up to the year 2000, by which rime the industrialized world could well be in the throes of structural energy supply difficulties (the recently published OECD Report on the World Energy Outlook con-cluded that the crunch could well come by 1985 unless effective policies were immediately implemen-

The long-term plan for making the best use of our coal reserves depends essentially on three features: exploration, investment and research. An accelerated programme of exploration has over the past three years identified no less than a further 1,500 million tons of readily exploitable coal, worth at present prices some £30 billion This is, of course, a small part of the estimated 45 billion tons of technically recoverable coal known to exist in Britain.

The rate of investment has also been substantially increased and has been estimated in our plan to require between £350 and £400 million per annum at present prices from now till the end of the cen-(and certainly beyond). Research is focused on improving mining techniques, particularly by the progressive introduction of remote control methods, and on developing effective and econo 'methods of coal conversion.

President Carter's announcement underlines the importance of press-ing on with this policy, not only in Britain, but also in all other countries with exploitable coal reserves. It is expected that when the President announces his new strategy for energy in the United States later this month, coal will figure very largely in the proposals. Yours faithfully, DEREK EZRA. National Coal Board,

Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, SW1. From Professor J. Rotblat

Sir, In less than three months in office President Carter has already shown himself to be a man of integrity. To suggest, as Mr Knox did in today's letter (April 12), that the President's stated policy on fast breeders is really intended to

Commonwealth future

Sir, The Commonwealth has sur-

vived upheavals before and I am sure it can outlast the present upset over recent events in Uganda.

Your correspondent Roy Lewis, whose article "The Moment of

Truth for the Commonwealth" (April 4) is before me, is surely

taking too gloomy a view of the whole thing.

over fundamental or long-term questions, as I see it. We are out-raged over a series of incidents

(and rightly so in my view).

We must control our outrage and abide by a majority decision of

Commonwealth members on the question of President Amin attend-

ing the heads of government con-ference in June. Surely that is what

the Commonwealth is all about-common decisions democratically

arrived at. That way lies continued growth and stature for the Common-

Sir, The disparaging remarks by Mr Roy Lewis (article, April 4) are out of place, as reference to the reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Founda-

tion abundantly shows.

Surely, unusual situations call for

Sir, As regards the whereabours of

world.

Essex.

Yours sincerely,

RON MONTAGUE,

From Mr John Stebbing

39 Orchill Drive. Benfleet,

realth as a force for good in the

We are not at odds with Uganda

From Mr Ron Montague

South Croydon, Surrey. unusual measures. Why should not her Majesty's Government ask the mmonwealth Secretary General if he will cancel the formal meeting Commonwealth leaders, in Lon don, this year? The Commonwealth don this year? The commonwealth leaders invited to the silver jubilee celebrations could then make use of the conference arrangements for informal discussions, bilateral, multi-lateral, regional. At any stage, the visiting leaders could ask the Commonwealth Secretariat to arrange some more general, but still informal, meetings. ground could be covered.

Yours faithfully, JOHN STEBBING, Fair Beeches, Burcot, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mr C. Le G. Eaton Sir. Hands are wrung over the prospect of President Amin turning up here. This problem would never have arisen had we not, in self-righteous zeal, demolished the traditional structure of government in Uganda by first undermining the authority of the late Kabaka and then by destroying him. It seems only just that we should now suffer some inconvenience as a direct consequence of the mischief we did. Unfortunately the people of Uganda, victims of our destructiveness, suffer something more than inconvenience. Yours faithfully,

C. LE G. EATON, Travellers' Club, Pail Mall, SW1.

# Money supply and inflation refer to several economists, one of refer to several economists, one of whom is Jevons. You say that Jevons in 1863 suggested a time lag of one or two years between "an increase in the money supply" and an increase in prices. In your issue of August 23 1976 you quoted the passage from Jevons. In it he referred specifically to "an expansion of the currency". The two concepts are not the same. "Money Supply" in its modern usage (M1 and M3) is predominantly bank deposits, and currency is only a minor part of it.

From Professor Lord Kahn Sir, In your leading article of April 7 you include among monetarists the Keynes of The General Theory of Employment Interest and Money (published in 1936). In his earlier works Keynes had dabbled with the Quantity Theory. In The General Theory, while he certainly emphasized monetary influences on the behaviour of the economy, he regarded movements of the price level as mainly determined by movements of the level of money wage rates. Monetarists attribute the high rate of inflation of recent years to

the high rate of growth of the quantity of money. The interpretation which follows from Keynes's theory is that the proximate cause is the high rate of increase in money wages and, over the past three years, the large rises on world markets of the prices of oil and, to a lesser extent, of other primary products.

To the extent that the rate of growth of the quantity of money falls short of the rate of increase in mages (less the rate of increase in wages (less the rate of growth of production), credit will become progressively tighter. The results will be progressively deeper economic depression, growing memployment and falling profits (and growing losses and an increasing number of hard-marketics).

bankruptcies). These consequences are accentuated if the Government raise taxes and cut expenditure. Many economists, other than monetarists, believe that the be-baviour of money wages can be radically improved by a direct moderating influence on the processes of wage bargaining; and that in this way catastrophe can be

Such a moderating influence can e left to the trade union leaders. It is likely to be more effective in the form of an incomes policy in which the Government play a role, partly because the Government can indicate that success will result in their taking measures designed to Stimulate the economy and reduce

In conclusion, I offer to you the advice which Keynes offered to the editor of the Financial News, in a letter published on January 5,

"If you are not too old, as to which I have no information, I strongly recommend an operation. By modern methods an inflamed Quantity Theory can always be removed with much less danger than ormerly. am, Sir, your obedient servant,

KAHN, King's College, Cambridge.

From Mr E. R. Hardcastle

day really does cause the arrival of The Times in our homes (as you argued in your leader of April 7),

From Mr W. C. Wright

Yours faithfully,

Great Witley,

April 7.

W. A. M. EDWARDS, Witley Park House,

minor part of it.

Yours faithfully,

April 7.

E. R. HARDCASTLE,

J15 Du Cane Court, Balham High Road, SW17.

From Mr W. A. M. Edwards

Sir, The evidence given in your leader today (April 7) on "A Disease of Money" should convince

those who approach the problem with an open mind. The scientific approach would be to limit the growth of the money supply to match increase in production and

observe the results over a suffi-ciently long period of, say, three years. Action must be taken before the nation suffers complete finan-

cial collapse. "Diseases desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved, or not at all."

Some of the economists you mention (and you might have added Marx and Cannan) were dealing specifically with currency, nor with "money supply" as now defined.

If "money supply" not currency is the determinant, why is it that

the enormous increase of bank deposits in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and up to 1914 (with a corresponding nearly as great increase of MI and M3) was accompanied not by a rise of prices

argued in your leader of April 1), then perhaps we might reformulate the classical philosophical Problem of Induction as: "Can we ever be sure that The Times will appear tomorrow?"; thereby conceding that the permanent possibility of industrial dispute has finally attained a truly meraphysical local attained a truly metaphysical level of generality and pervasiveness. Yours faithfully, W. C. WRIGHT,

Sir, If the rising of the sun each

Sir, In your leading article today (April 7) you deal with "money supply" and the price level, and 6 Spring Hill, E5. April 8.

#### German socialist aims From Professor Antonu Flew

Sir, Lord Gladwyn (April 2) chal-lenges Professor Hayek to say whether "the German Free Democrats, who are now in a coalition with Socialists, should no longer receive any 'Liberal' support'. But it is Lord Gladwyn, nor Professor Havek, who is seeing both British and German politics from an ivory lenses of an ambiguous vocabulary. Certainly our Labors Party and the German Social-Democrats are both members of the Socialist Inter-national. But the German Social-Democrats have since the late fiftles most categorically rejected "the public ownership of all the means of production, distribution and exchange" in favour of competitive private ownership and "the social market economy". By contrast Labour still retains the socialist Clause IV in its constitution, and prints it on every party card. (The constitution of the TUC has, I am told, a similar clause; and there has

never even been a Hugh Gaitskell to try—and fail—to get it removed.). Party constitutions, it may be said, are mere theology. So let us as Descartes recommended—judge peoples' beliefs not by what they say but what they do. Here again the reward is clear. Every Labour parliament extends state ownership and control, and these extensions are supported by all, "moderates" and Marxists both. And if any "right-wing extremist" dares to suggest some denationaliza-tion, then the Labour Party is again unanimous that the march to the state where Clause IV is fully law must be irreversible. If our Liberals do what the Prime Minister hopes, and keep the Labour Government there till it can get returned to office on a rising tide of oil royalties, then the socialist march will certainly be resumed. This is not how it is with Chancellor Schmidt and the German Social-Democrats.

Yours faithfully, ANTONY FLEW 26 Alexandra Road, Reading.

### Rescuing inner cities

From Mrs Yvonne Sieve Sir, Following the Secretary of State for the Environment's state-ment on the inner cities, all local authorities with responsibility for these areas will be considering how they can best take advantage of what the government has offered. May I, through your columns, urge that prime emphasis be placed on economic regeneration and employ-ment in the inner city, and that new mechanisms be developed achieve this.

One of the difficulties in the past One of the difficulties in the past has been the neat, clinical approach to town planning adopted by local authorities. This approach has, moreover, been applied to too narrow a field: housing and the environment have, for instance, traditionally been the concern of the authorities, but often to the detriment of an area's industrial and commercial strength. I believe that one very promising way in which one very promising way in which local authorities can foster this strength is by setting up, in con-junction with local employers and trade unionists, industrial "task forces". I envisage that these would establish close relations with local firms, examine their problems with them, and jointly work towards their solutions—linking as necessary with the local authorities themselves, the range of advisory bodies and sources of finance.

A "task force" would be a

channel of communication and in-formation: it would ensure that local action was taken in the light of local needs; it would act as an advocate for those needs and foster local industrial development through its "hot lines" to central and local government departments; it would be a central point through which land, finance, premises, industrial landlords and tenants could be brought together . . . in short, in would get things done—it would be entrepreneurial and not bureau-

I think we should also be clear that government assistance for the inner city should not be used to make massive financial injections into ailing industries; indeed I do not believe that industry would welcome this. But the authorities responsible for inner cities must have the resources necessary to overcome the difficulties of a 19th century industrial infrastructure, and be ready to apply those resources in an innovative way both to industries that can thrive and to those that are consistent with the those that are consistent with the National Industrial Strategy, Otherwise our cities face a deepening spiral of decay, deprivation and mounting social rension, at an in-calculable cost to the country as a whole. Yours faithfully,

YVONNE\_SIEVE, Member of the GLC for Ealing, Southall, Members' Lobby, County Hall, SE1.

#### The Stechford vote From Miss Enid Lakeman

Sir, How on earth can Ronald Butt (column, April 7) know that the electors of Stechford do not think

Mrs Thatcher is reactionary?
Those who voted for her candidate were 43.4 per cent of all who didate were 43.4 per cent of all who voted, or one quarter of the entire electorate. How many of them were themselves reactionaries, attracted by a leader reputedly of their own complexion? How many more or fewer might have voted Conservative if Mr Heath had still been the leader? How many would have leader? How many would have voted Conservative in any case, no matter who the leader or who the candidate?

One simply cannot draw valid conclusions about such things from our uninformative Xs. Yours faithfully, ENID LAKEMAN, Director, Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street.

Southwark, SE1

### The stamp week

From the Rev Brian Taylor

Sir, It is not only the Post Office that needs to be watched. There was a time when the DHSS stamp weeks began on Mondays. The new style of card has weeks that begin on Sundays. Inquiry from the Department brought a reply that the Secretary of State to the secre was competent to cause weeks to begin on any day that seemed suit-able. So at the time of the change we all paid the full rate for a six-

day week. Now we learn that the new, higher charges for stamps will begin on April 6. That is a Wednes-day. Will it follow a three-day week? Yours fairbfully,

ERIAN TAYLOR, The Rectory, Flower Walk, Guildford. March 25.



# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 12: The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Coggan, Ris Excellency the Dapish Ambassader and Madome Kristiansen. His Excellency the High Commissioner for Kenya and Dr. Njeri Ng'eme Niornac, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Rees. the Viscount and Viscounters Esher and Mr and hirs David Money-Coutts arrived at Windsor Castle this evening. Lady Abel Spith has succeeded the Hon Mary Merrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 12: The Ron Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Presson as Ladv-in-Walding to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 12: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance by Manrice Bejart's Bellet du XXe Siècle du Thettre Royal de la hionnaie et the London Coliseum, la sid of The Queen's Silver Jubiles Appeal. Mrs Jecelyo Stevens was to attendance,

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, vill open the school of nursing at St George's Hospital, Tooting, on May 18.

A memorial service for Viscount Coschen will be held at the Guards Chanel, Wellington Berricks, London, on Tuesday, April 25, at noon.

# martiages

The engagement is announced be-tiess Patrick, younger son of the Pev J. R. and Mrs Recart, and Marsha, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Nurfolk.

Mr P. J. Farrent and Mrs J. D. FitzRoy

The engagement is ennounced between Paul, son of Mr M. Farrout, of Perrenham, Surrey, and Mrs J. Farrant, of Silverton, Devon, and Jeanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Brudenell-Bruce, of Moulton Paddocks, Newmarket.

Mr L. R. Fletcher, MP and Dr C. M. Elliott The engagement is announced between Raymond Flexher, MP, and Catherine M. Elliott, of Brooklands, Heasor, Derbyshire, widow of Jasper Fenn.

Mr M. J. Knight and Miss S. Langmald

The marriage arranged between facturel, younger son of Mr and life E. Knight, of Offord, Kent, and Sidmie, younger despiter of Mr and Mrs Charles Lamparid, of Cardiff, will take place in Cardiff on April 16, 1977.

Mr H. H. Loyeday and Miss F. Heny

The engagement is announced between Henry Herbert Loveday, of Woolley Road, Matlock, Derbyshire, and Fay Heny, of Hurker, Farley, Matlock Fariev. Matlock. Mr D. C. Silvey and Miss P. Sandeman Allen

The engagement is announced herween David Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B. Silvey, of eloretonhampstead, Devon, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Sandeman Allen, of Stoke Gabriel, Devon.

Mr R. T. Wyun-Jones and Miss P. A. Calcott

the engagement is amnounced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs B. G. Jones, of 12 Thornton Way, NW11, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. I. Calcott, of Field Place, Suitterfield Warneickshire Calcort, of Field ! field, Warwickshire.

Because of the friendly simplicity Because of the friendly simplicity of his Greek, Xenophon is the first proper author that students of Greek read; just as Caesar is the first Latin prose writer. The learners then move upwards and onwards to sterner prose, and look down their noses at Xenophon. Our age tends to equate a simple style of triding with a simplified view of life.

In his paper to the annual meeting of the Classical Association, at Liverpool University last night, Mr Christopher Tuplin, of Liverpool, discussed what Xenophon

Latest appointments

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Air Smil, Cameron. Chef of the Air Staff, to be promoted to Marshel of the RAF on July 31. He has been appointed Chief of the Defence Staff from September 1.

He will be succeeded as Chief of the Air Staff on August 1 by Air Marshal Sir Michael Beetham. who is to be premoted air chief merstal en May 21.

Air Marshal W. J. Stacey, to be Commander-in-Chief RAF Ger-many and Commander Second Allied Tactical Air Force from tuly 16

July 16.
Air Vice-Marshal Alan Davics.

Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe, to be Deputy Commander-in-Chief. RAF Strike Command, with the acting rank of air marshal, on July 2.

Prospective candidates Mr Michael Cowan, a Nottingtiamsiles county councillor, to be prospective Labour candidate for the by-election at Ashileld. At the last general election, Mr D. Maronend, Labour, had a majority of 22,915.

Mr D. D. Gilbert, a member of Newcastie upon Tyne City Council, to be prospective Conservative condidate for Newcastie upon Tyne. West. At the last general election Mr R. Brown, Labour, had a majority of 15,074.

#### Mr J. Boardman-Weston and Miss S. Robins Forthcoming

The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. Boardman-Weston, of The Mill House. Stretton-en-lefield, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Robins, of 18 Hereford Crescent, Midway, Burton-on-Trent. Mr P. G. Ryecart and Lady Marsha Flizalan Howard

D. J. Farrington and Miss J. J. Baverstock The engagement is announced between Dennis, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Farrington, of Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. B. Baverstock, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. D. G. C. Grimwood and Miss S. Harper The engagement is announced he engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Captain J. P. Grimwood, Royal Navy, and Mrs Grimwood, of Snaumore. Hampshire, and Shelley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Harper, of Thorpe Lea, Surrey.

Dr R. M. F. Kojecky and Aliss M. C. Dieudonné The engagement is announced hetween Roger, son of the lare Captain M. Kojecky, and of Mrs S. B. McMenamy, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Marie Christine, elder daughter of M and Mme Gilbert Dieudonné, of St Paul de Vence, France.

Mr O. H. G. Nares and Miss P. R. Dean

and Miss P. R. Dean
The engagement is announced between Oliver, elder son of the late
Gordon Nares and of Mrs Wycliffe
Stutchbury, of Gayles, Friston,
Sussex, and Philippa, daughter of
Lieutenant-Colonel P. W. Denn,
of Charlton, Melmesbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs Philip WarburtonLee, of Broad Oak, Whitchurch,
Shropshire.

Mr P. H. C. Thomas and Miss F. C. Crozier

# Xenophon, Harold Wilson of ancient Greece

was up to, besides providing straightforward fare for the school-children of future generations.

If the old fellow thought he was writing history, his gaping omissions and misrepresentations suggest that he was uniquely unfitted for the trade of historian. Was he simply an old fool who did not know his own limitations, or was he an elderly gentleman filling in a profitless retirement by writing historical balance or objectivity, but, like modern politicians, with an eye to the Sunday supplements?

Mr Tuplin argued persuasively

that there is more to Xenophon and to the content than meets the eye.

Under the pose of military historian he was the Harold Wilson of his generation. Also hild the content has a political philosophy for his didactic message for his contemporaries, drawing supplied and subtle analysis of seriously as the author's most suggested that that was a work of historical interpretation. Xenophon wielded a set of historical facts, recounted in historical facts, recounted in historical rather than rhetorical suggested that is, in historical and supplied a set of historical facts, recounted in historical rather than rhetorical suggested that is, in historical and supplied a set of historical facts, recounted in historical and representations.

It was not a very realistic method of writing history. Realism was not a great ment of Xenophon. But he had talent and ingentity and he thought the lessons of history of the Hellenes was a political philosophy. It has a long argument about Sparta as the paradigm of the evils of imperialism. It should be taken supplied that that was a political philosophy. That more mildly, of historical interpretation. Xenophon wielded a set of historical facts, recounted in method of writing history. It was not a very realistic method of writing history. It was not a very realistic method of writing history. It was not a very realistic method of writing history. It was not a very realistic method of writing history.

**OBITUARY** 

Lord Moran, MC, died vester-

day at the age of 94 and by his death the medical profession has lost a wise physician and the

In 1966 his book Winston

Churchill: the Struggle for Survival while widely read and well written was the cause of

The Right Hon Charles Mc-Moran Wilson, MC, first Baron Moran, of Manton, in the county of Wilsshire, was the son of Dr

John Forsythe Wilson who

practised in Skipton, Yerkshire, from 1878 to 1886, and it was in this town that Lord Moran was

born on November 10, 1882. He

received his medical education ar St Mary's Hospital Medical School, from which he obtained

his qualifying examinations in

1908. A year later, and before he had taken higher degrees, he

fear and anxiety. He spent the year from 1917 to 1918 at Boulogne working on the prob-

lems of mustard eas; his con-clusions, published in collabora-tion with Professor James Mackintosh, remain one of the

best accounts of the effects of

that gas.

In 1919 he was elected to the honorary medical staff of St Mary's Hospital and six months

his administrative gifts is widely

nation a medical counsellor.

some controversy.



Oxford Model Railway Club's layout, voted best exhibit in the National Model Railway Exhibition at Central Hall, Westminster.

Marriages

Señor J. Ortúrar Santa Maria and Miss J. Seconde
The marriage took place on April 11. at the Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, between Señor Jorge Ortúrar Santa Maria, son of Señor y Señora Enrique Ortúrar, of Santirgo, Chile, and Miss Juliet Secondé, elder daughter of HM Ambassador to Rumania and Mrs Reginald Secondé, of Wamil Hall, Worlington, Suffolk.
A reception was held at the British Embassy.
Mr A. O. Thorold

Mr A. O. Thorold

and Miss G. M. Richardson The marriage took place quietly in Edinburgh yesterday between Mr Oliver Thorold, son of Captain Sir Anthony and Lady Thorold, of Syston Old Hall, Grantham, and Miss Genevra Richardson, young-est daughter of Mr and Mrs John Richardson, of Broadshaw, West Calder, Midlothian. Mr P. J. Burgoyne and Miss D. H. Beese

The marriage took place on April 9 at the Church of St John Viauney, Wantage, between Mr Paul John Burgoyne, of Old Rectory Cottage, Sparsholt, Wantage, and Miss Deborah Heleu Beese, of Winners Husse Andower of Kimpton House, Andover.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Women at War, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.
Lunchtime music: Mary Mee, soprano, John Mee, organ, St Clave's Church, Hart Street, Circ. 1.07. Cir., 1.05.
Lecture: The Stones of London,
Geological Museum, South Kensington, 2.30.
Organ recital by Stephen RidgleyWhitehouse.
Westminster,

Wintehouse. Westminster, Abbey, 6.30-7.15. Royal Mews open to public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4. Birthdays today

Mr Samuel Beckett, 71; Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, 85; Lord James of Rusholme, 68; Canon J. N. D. Kelly, 68; the Right Rev D. G. Loveday, 81; Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, M-7, 67; Sir John Whyatt, 72; Major-General Sir John Winterton, 79.

Service dinner Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry

The annual dinner of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday evening. Colonel M. St J. V. Gibbs presided.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday,

April 12, 1952 The following amnouncement was published in last night's London Gazerte: Clarence House, April 9th, 1952. The Queen today declared in council her will and pleasure that she and her children shall be styled and known as the House and Family of Windsor and that her descendants, other than female descendants who marry, and their descendants shall hear female descendants who marry, and their descendants, shall bear the name of Windsor. Queen Elizabeth is the fourth sovereign of the House of Windsor. Her decision means that if the Duke of Cornwall, the heir apparent, succeeds her he would be the fifth sovereign of that house. Mr C. F. J. Hankinson, editor of Debrett's Peerage, commenting on the announcement, said: "To the best of my recollection this is the first time in the history of this country that a declaration has been made by a sovereign with a view to the continuance of any dynastic name. The Ougan would view to the continuance of any dynastic name. The Output would have been the last of the House of Windsor if she had not made this change." The royal family assumed the name of Windsor in 1917 by proclamation of King George V.

# Science report Fire detection: Early warning

According to statistics prepared by insurance companies a third of all fires are of electrical origin and they often start in inaccessible places. A novel technique has been developed for detecting overheat-ing of electrical installations long before fire breaks out.

An electrical fire can start when a circuit causes a rise in temperature in the conducting material.

Eventually the surrounding insulation will begin to smoulder, giving off smoke but very little heat, and then burst into flames. Exist-The engagement is announced between Phillip Home Cayley, only son of Mrs W. Thomas and the late S. H. C. Thomas, of Sydney, Australia. and Frances Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Rawdon Crozier, of Thorpell House, Wickham Market, Suffolk.

Centre for Nuclear Research in amounts of Freon can be detected

Centre for Nuclear Research in Geneva, makes detection of over-heating possible before smouldering begins.

The new detection method is designed to operate an alarm at about 70°C, above the maximum operating temperature of a cable but below the temperature at which the insulating material begins to break down. Microseconds capsules, hollow spheres of gela-tine filled with Freon, are prepared as a powder which can be sprink-led or painted on to the electrical installations. These microcapsules, which are

used in vast quantities in the pharmaceutical industry, can be designed so that they will burst open at about 70°C, releasing the

by minor modifications to existing smoke detectors,

Alternatively, the noise made by the popping capsules could be a direct warning system: overheat-ing would produce bursts of noise at rapid intervals, rather like hail on a window pane. A further fascinating possibility is to fill the aules with a would prevent the fire from breaking out. By Nature-Times News Service.

Source: A New Warning System to Fires of Electrical Origin, CERN, Geneva, 1977.

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Court of Appeal

Law Report April 12 1977

# 'Material considerations' in refusing planning consent

Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Shaw and Sir David Coirus.

Ludements delivered April 4.1 The desirability of retaining the existing permitted use of a building, although the use had not yet been fully implemented was a "material consideration" for the "material consideration" for the Secretary of State for the Environment to take into account when refusing permission for a change of use, within the meaning of section 29(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971.

The Court of Appeal so held when alloying an appeal by the Secretary allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State from Mr Justice Willis (The Times, October 27, 1976) who quashed his decision dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Clyde & Co, solicitors in the City of London, from the refusal of Guildford Borough Council to grant blanning permission to of Guidford Borough Council to grant planning permission to change the use of 9,500 square feet or residential space at Miller House, Bedford Road, Guildford. Air Justice Willis had held that considerations were "material" if they were referable to the application and that although it might sometimes be legitimate under section 29(1) to consider the desirability of retaining the permitted use as against allowing the preposed use, on planning grounds the posed use, on planning grounds the proposed change of use had been found unobjectionable and that, in those circumstances, the retention of the permitted use, being the only ground on which the application had been refused, was not a "material consideration" within section 29(1).

The subsection provides:
"... where an application is made to a local planning anthority for plauning permission, that authority, in dealing with me applica-tin, shall have regard to the provi-sions of the development plan, so far as material to the application ind to any other material considerations Mr Harry Woolf for the Secre-

tary of State: Mr Michael Mann. QC, and Mr Roy Vandermeer for e applicants.
SIR DAVID CAIRNS said that

the building under consideration comprised the eastern half of a comprised the eastern han of a block originally intended by the owners. Miller, as their principal office. Their application which was grouted was for offices for the western half and eight flats with garages for the eastern half. The western half had been built and recognised.

The eastern half was built at the some time, as it seemed sensible to so, although it had become

sufficient for Miller's office requirements. The flats had not been completed, and the mode of construction would permit of either offices or flats. There was thus no actual residential accom-modation in the building, but the permitted use was for residential purposes and therefore permission was sought to change that use to office purposes to accommodate the respondents to the appeal. Clyde & Co, whose need to expand could not be satisfied in the City.

could not be satisfied in the City.

Under the advice of the Location of Offices Bureau Clyde moved a number of staff to Guiddford in 1969. They obtained a lease of the eastern half subject to an office development permit, which was granted, and planning permission. The ground on which the inspector recommended refusal of permission for a change of use to office premises was that "the uppeal premises were erected as a result of planning permission granted in respect of an application in which they were indicated as eight flats they were indicated as eight flats with garaging on the ground floor. The flats if completed would provide a reasonable standard of accommodation, and although the accommodation, and although the immediate external environment may be poor, they would be suitable for small adult households. There is a shortage of housing accommodation in Guildford, at least in the public sector, and hence the loss of residential accommodation is to be resisted.

accommodation is to be resisted save in the most exceptional drumstances. I am not convinced, therefore, despite the strength of the appellant company's case, that the loss of the eight flats that would be provided by the appeal premises can be justified". The Secretary of State agreed and dismissed the appeal.

Mr Justice Willis quasticed that decision because the only ground for it was the desirability of retaining the permitted howing

retaining the permitted housing use and that, the judge held, was not a proper consideration on which to found the decision. The basis of the decision was the inter-pretation of section 29(1). Clearly the "material consider-ations" to which the Secretary of State must have regard had to be considerations material to the application and also by planning considerations. Mr Woolf contended that the desirability of providing housing was indeed a planning considerations.

ning consideration and that it must The appeal raised a question of much importance in planning law on which there was no direct auth-

ority, except a decision of Judge

office Stabb, sitting as a deputy High ad not Court judge, in Granada Theatres tode of Ltd v Secretary of State for the nit of Environment (1976) JPEL 96, are was 97). That case concerned a proposac on the change the use of a building from a cinema to a bingo half and dential social club. It was refugated and the from a cinema to a bingo hall and social club. It was refused and the refusal was upheld on appeal on the ground, not that the proposal was objectionable on planning grounds, but because it was desirable to continue the cinema use.

The case was not argued before Judge Stabb since the Secretary of State, in agreeing to the quashing of the decision, conceded that planning control could tot be used to force the continuation of a use to force the continuation of a use for any particular purpose, and that the decision letter was open

to that interpretation.

Mr Woolf said that until that decision it was always assumed that in considering whether planning permission should be given for a change of use, the desirability of the proposal had to be balanced against the existing permitted use. It was common ground that the range of matters which the Secretary of State must take into account was wide, and Mr Woolf cited, in Illustration. Faucett Properties v Buckingham County Council [1961] AC 6361; Stringer v Minister of Housing and Local Government (1970) 1WLR 1281); Collis' Radio Ltd v Secreto that interpretation.

tary of State for the Environment (1975) 73 LGR 211), and Lord Luke of Pavenium v Ministar of Housing and Local Government (1963) 1 QB 172). Those cases did indeed show the great variety of considerations which the Secretary of State could properly take into account. He could not confine his attention to whether the character of a building or proposed building was objectionable in itself, or whether the use proposed to be made of it was detrimental to local omenities.
On the other band, it was right

to say that in none of those cases cited was the desirability of preserving an existing use taken into account. The Granada case was not binding on the court and any peroriging on the court and any per-suasive force it might have had was greatly lessened by the circum-stances. There was appended to the JPEL report an anonymous com-ment declaring it to be a "remark-able and important decision" and that "In practice, from a local authority's point of view, the ces-sation of a porticular nee may have sation of a particular use may have as significant consequences as the as significant consequences as the commencement of another use."

Mr Mann contended that when the permitted use, as in the present case, had not even been started, an application for a change of use ought not to be refused. His Lordship did not find that a compelling argument. The need for housing

was certainly a planning consideration. If permission was given for office use, the permission would almost certainly be implemented and the building would not be available for housing. If permission for office use was refused, there was at least a fair chance that the building would be used for housing, rather than be allowed to stend emply.

Mr Woolf arabed that the desirability of preserving an existing use was a regular ground for refusal of placening permission on agricultural land. Mr Mann contended that such a consideration was relevant only where there was a policy

only where there was a policy established by the development plan, but that was to ignore the provisions of section 29(1, and there was no reason why either the

there was no reason why either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State should have to look for policy considerations only to the development plan.

His Lordstip treated with great respect the judgment of Mr Justice Willis, but despite the clear and forceful argument of Mr Mann in its support, the judge had reached the wrong conclusions. The appeal should be allowed and the decision of the Secretary of State restored. of the Secretary of State restored.

Lord Justice Stephenson and
Lord Justice Slaw delivered concurring judgments, Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor Wedlake Bell.

Family Division

a vear later.

Raymond Iones (Ray) Gunrer was born on August 30, 1909, in Abertillery, Monmouthslure.

in Abertillery, Monmouthslure. He was the sen of a miner, but neither he nor his brothers followed their father juto the pits. Instead, he left school at 13' to become a broking cleriwith the Great Western Railway. He joined the trade union (then the Railway Clerical Staffer than Transport Salariad Staffer

the Transport Salaried Stoffs Association) and also the local

Labour narty when he was 16, and became sa acting office-

holder in both organizations.

During the S cond World War, he enlisted in the Poral

Furineers and was promoted to

Smff Cantain, in there of

handling traffic carrying arms

mentary career, being narrowly

railway movements in

# Representation of wives overseas

Patel v Patel

In cases where a husband with a wife overseas petitioned for divorce, usually in a suit based on five years' separation, it was important for the wife to be pro-vided with legal aid and an English solicitor to ensure that her case was properly put to the court when the circumstances warranted it. Mr Justice Payne said in the Family Division.

Family Division.

HIS LORDSHIP, giving indement in Joshi v Joshi, said that a decree usi had been granted in 1975 in a suit brought by the husband based on five years' separation. The wife was in India. Her ment in Joshi v Joshi, said that a decree was had been granted in 1975 in a suit brought by the husband based on five years' separa-tion. The wife was in India. Her defence had been properly put as she had been represented under the provision of legal aid. No decree mng consideration and that it must be material to take account of that she had been represented under the factor in considering whether to permit a class of use which would intensify an existing shortage of proceedings concerning financial housing accommodation. provision were still pending. The legal aid area committee had refused to pay for the wife and her father to come from India to give evidence in those proceedings.

It had been submitted for the wife that if the case were tried on affidavit evidence only the his-band should not be allowed to give oral evidence. Having regard to all the cir-

cumstances of the case his Lord-ship could not justify the expense of bringing the wife and ber father to England. However, it was to the wife's advantage to have the hus-band available for Cross-examina-tion and he should therefore be arrilable to give oral evidence, husband's behest; that she had received no modey from him; that he had land and property in India; and that she did not vorce. The husband in his petition stated that it a decree this were stated that it a decree has were granted he procosed to make no financial provision for his wife. By section 5 of the Marrimoodal Causes Act, 1973, the wife had a valuable right to defend the pro-

ceedings on the ground of "grave financial or other hardship".

In circumstances like those of the present case, the court should be careful to ascertain whether the wife, who might have little knowledge of Ergland or the language, was aware of the protection was aware of the protection efforded to her by sections 5 and 10 of the 1973 Act. The wife in the present soft should be given an opportunity, so fir as resoundly practicable, to enforce her rights. In Joshi the wife had been protected by the grant of legal aid and her case had been properly presented.

His Lordship had given the peritioner leave to amend his petition to offer financial provision or to give evidence to show why his wife should not have provision. He had declined to give evidence. The hearing of the petition would be abjourned sine die, and his Lordship directed that a copy of his judgment and a form of applica-tion for legal aid should be sent to the wife or to the representa-tive who had sent her answer to the court.

protest against the glorification of facts in the curriculum, a decade before its time. With Moran's strong views on medical education it is not surprising that he was much in demand as an examiner, and the Universities of Cambridge,

LORD MORAN

Doctor of unusual stamp who was Churchill's

personal physician

spent a year travelling in Egypt and Italy, Soon after his return he took the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians and the MD of London University, in which he Liverpool, Birmingham, London and other bodies at various times made use of his services. in which he was awarded the Gold Medal in medicine. At the He was elected Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians Gold Medal in medicine. At the outbreak of war in 1914 he went immediately as medical officer to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers, and remained with it in France for two and a half years. He won the Military Cross during the battle of the Somme and later for his part in a trench raid, the Italian Silver Medal for Military Valour. He was also twice mentioned in disparches while with in 1938 and in Acril, 1941, he was elected President of the Royal College of Physicians, the youngest president for many years. Moran was an ardent believer in active cooperation with the Royal College of Surreons and the Royal College of Obsterricians and Gynaecolovists. He was largely responsible for organizing a representative committee for all the consultants of the country and saw to it that Government departments tioned in dispatches while with the battalion. During these years in the trenches he watched closely the soldiers conduct under stress. He made the subhad an expert body of opinion ject of morale his own and the lectures which he gave at the Staff College at Camberley for to whom they could turn for the best advice.
He was knighted in 1938, and some vears between the wars were highly valued by senior soldiers. The Anatomy of Courage grew out of these lectures and is a sensitive study of

herane well known to the public from 1940 onwords as personal physician to Mr Winston Churchill, whom he accomrisits abroad. In the New Year Honours for 1943 he was created a Peer. It was with this title that he successfully steered the Prime Minister through a touch of pneumonia in the Macterranean at the end of 1943. Referring to his recovery, Mr: Churchill sneke of the valued services of "M and B", referring both to the remarkable drug which had been used and to the two physicians who had attended bim, Moran and Brigadier D. Evan Bedford.

Mary's Hospital and six months later his colleagues there appointed him Dean of the Medical School, an office which, at St Mary's, had previously been held only by members of the senior staff. He found the finances, buildings and entry of the school at a low ebb. The story of how the school was transformed in a few years by his administrative gifts is widely Moran's promotion to the Second Chamber at a time when big changes were pending in the medical services of the country was a great asset from many points of view. His advocacy in relation to the Spens committee and the distinction awards for known It was recognized when the new school buildings were opened by His Majesty King George V in December, 1935. from the point of view of the consultants. Whether the general practitioners of the country owed as much to his

What is perhaps less appreciated is that Moran's writings on medical education have often expressed views in advance of services is more problematical. Medicine never really gave to the time. He saw that the clini- him, either in its practice or in cal unit system provided an its politics, the interest and the academic career in medicine, opportunities his remarkable it and defended it when it had few talents required. In fact his friends. His brilliantly written strengths and defects were respaper on chinical units gave pectively the less and the more pleasure to educationists out- apparent because of the nature of Schools for the West Riding

offered him, and could have achieved even more outside his profession than he did in it. It was only necessary to hear him speak in the House of Lords and to see the benches fill as he began and empty when he had finished to know how highly he was regarded by his Peers.

It was this curious combination of deviousness and ingeniousness that was largely responsible for the aloofness with which he was regarded by many in the medical profession, and for his failure to recognize and appreciate the traditional customs, traditions, and prejudices of his fellow doctors. He was in his element in the seats of power—whether it was the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Rouse of Lords, or Downing Street. When he stepped down among the rank and file of consultants and general practitioners, however, an aura of power accompanied him which to all too many suggested a sense of superiority.

It was undoubtedly this combination of isolation from the masses of his fellow doctors, and his near-obsession with his long period as Churchill's doc-tor, that was responsible for what many regarded as the major mistake of his life—the publication of the diary he had kept as Churchill's medical attendant. As an historical document it would undoubtedly have been of value in the nation's archives to be produced and used in due course. As a doctor's account of his professional relationship with a patient it was regarded by many — indeed, probably a majority—of his fellow doctors as a breach of the time-honoured confidentiality of the consulting-room and the sick

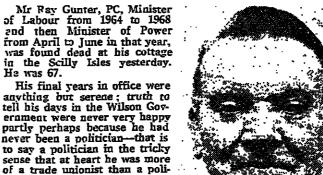
His immediate aims were prac-tical, but these were dictated by his conviction that heights could be reached only from a firm material base. His great work was done at St Mary's Hospital, the undergraduate medical school of which he literally saved from extinction, and at the Royal College of Physicians. During his presidency the col-lege had real influence with successive governments, and his energy and vision ensured for the consultants of this country a high standard of living, far higher than would have been the case if this influence had not His powers of criticism were

devastating alike to his friends, to whom he could show on occasions a rare tenderness, and to those of whom he disap-proved. Any ill nature was immediately effaced by his chuckle at his own expense as he recognized his spleen.

He was indeed capable of the sharpest criticism of his own mistakes, but he could see only their effects, never where their origins lay. He was a brave and lonely man who wished to leave the world better than he found

Moran married in 1919 Dorothy, daughter of Dr S. F. Dutton, formerly HM Inspector side the field of medicine while of his profession. He needed a of Yorkshire. There were two The Student in Irons was a bigger canvas than medicine sons of this marriage.

### MR RAY GUNTER



anything but serene; truth to tell his days in the Wilson Government were never very happy partly perhaps because he had never been a politician—that is to say a politician in the tricky sense that at heart he was more of a trade unionist than a poli-He was shifted by Mr Wilson in the spring of 1968 from Labour to Power, a move he resented for he had shown

mined Minister; however that was not all, by July he had made up his mind to leave the Government and resigned, dis-Nobody was surprised when on October 17, 1964, the Prime Minister included Ray Gunter in his Cabinet as Minister of Labour. He had been Shadow Minister for labour and indusenchanted with both the Prime Minister and the Government. In 1972 he resigned from the trial affairs in Opposition, and, Labour Party; he claimed that as observers noted, he pos-sessed the background and the Cabinet was overweighted with intellectuals who could not understand what ordinary people think; his resignation letter to Mr Mellish, the Opposition Chief Whip carried echoes of the sentiments he qualifications needed to hold the political and industrial wings of the party together. Although a firm disciplinarian and generally regarded as on the right of centre, he had expressed when he resigned from the Labour Government acted as a steadying and unify-ing influence during the interin 1968. He had been at odds with the party leadership for minable quarrels over uni-lateral disarmament and the He became a director of Secucion in 1969 and Industrial Communications Ltd party constitution during the early 1960s.

First Treasurer, and later President of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, he served as a member of the Labour Party national executive committee and became its chairman in 1964-65.

Gutter described his new post at the Labour Ministry as "my hid of rails" Under any administration, and particularly a Labour one, the task of holdr the balance between employers and workers, and keeping the industrial peace is an exerting and unenviable one. Those who at first doubted whether he had the necessare stamina and steel in his makeup were compelled to admit that he carried out his onerous duties with a blend of tact and toughness.

Throughout his career. Gunter and supplies to the Soviet Union. He flew back to Britain to contest the 1945 General Election and to his own, and showed courage in telling his erstwhile trade union comrades where he thought they were wrong. He did not believe in everybody else's surnrice, preanneasement, and was equally returned as I shour Member for outstooken in condemning managerial inefficiency and in-South-Fast Fssex, He had a somewhat chequered Perliadiscipline among the workers. There has always been a elected for Doncaster in 1950 strong evangelical streak in the and equally narrowly defeated Labour movement, and Ray in 1951. He ereminelly found a safe haven in Southwark, which he wou in 1964 and again in 1966. Gunter, coming as he did from

Labour movement unless it has a moral background he told the Cooperative Congress in 1966. Many times he publicly castigated "selfish minorities" who had no thought for the welfare of the public, and no loyalty to their own Government. Television viewers were astonished to see his spontane ous outburst, one evening, against London Airport strikers who were spoiling the holiday plans of countless families.

The leftwing ridiculed him as a sanctimonious preacher, but he was far from being a prig-In private, he was a companionable, jolly man, with a lively sense of humour, a fund of anecdotes and a genuine liking for his fellow men. He was an eloquent and effective public speaker, with his rolling Welsh rhetoric and a picturesque furt of ohrase.

His biggest testing time came during the wages freeze w followed the economic crisis of July 20, 1966. The idea of legislation in collective bargaining went against the grain, and he was said to have fought hard within the Government against the prolongation of compulsory powers and in favour of giving the TUC every opportunity to the TUC every opportunity to operate its own wage-vetting machinery. Having to exercise negative and restrictive functions gained him much impoputions gained him much impoputions. He was boosed and jeered larity. He was booed and jeered by Midlands car workers when he rejected their demands for organized short-time working

in the autumn of 1966. He held modern and progres sive views on industry, and was a firm believer in management worker cooperation. He can paigned relentlessly against traditions and practices which hampered change. He was, incidentally, a pro-European long before this became fashionable in the Labour party.

Ray Gunter might have achieved more as Minister of Labour and earned himself the reputation of a latter-day Bevin, had his term of office not coincided with the Covers ment's deflationary policies. As it was, he achieved a remarkable "holding" operation, backed by a very efficient staff, and managed to push through some important measures. These included the Redundancy Payments Act, the development industrial training boards. the annointment of a royal commission on the trade unions and employers organizations, and the setting up of the Devlin committee on the docks which paved the way to decasualiza-

the Welsh valleys, embodied He married in 1934 Elvie, much of this. "I do not believe daughter of James Ellkins. She there is any purpose in the died in 1971. They had one son.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

المحالات انكم



Arabs in line

£6m Chelsea

By Ray Maughan
Arab interests may have been behind the 25m purchase

of the Chelsen Hotel in Sloane

Street from Adda Tuter

effect from Adda intermational.

The purchaser is ostensibly
Rangate, a British registered
company which is acting for
Swiss clients, But Mr Peter
James and Mr Michael
Chandlan the Burgate Head

Chapelow, the Rungate direc-

tors, have been involved in Arab deals in the past. Mr James was behind the

Mr James was benind the 19m Pageguide purchase of the Dorchester, and acted as a legal adviser to king Khaled of Saudi Arabia on the Imaguistion of Mr Ravi Tikkoo's North London home earlier this

However, Mr Breadau Burns, an associate of both Mr James and Mr Chapelow, denied yesterday that there had been

any connexion between Page-guide and Rangate. As to the

identity of the final purchaser, he said: "You're not going to

find out. It's just not available to anybody."

to acquire

Hotel

# Government acts to block Japanese steel shipment with an anti-dumping duty

liy Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent

Tough new curbs on imports of selected steel products from Lipan have been imposed by the Covernment. The move, was amnounced last night, was subsigned to head off a consignation of nearly 20,000 tonnes of titled angles and sections bound of for British and European ports.

Mr Dell, Secretary of State
for Trade, authorized the pro-

visional anti-dumping duty of 120 a tonne from midnight last Wednesday before leaving on an official visit to the Far East. The formal announcement was delayed because of the Easter

decision has greatly heartened private sector steelneartened private sector steer-enakers who have been urging a tough line against imports from Japan. The Government has been involved in a number of anti-dumping measures against steel imports from other sour-ces but until now Whitehall has refrained from imposing such a duty on Japanese goods. In the past few weeks pres-

sure for the Government to act had been growing. The British Independent Steel Producers' Association submitted evidence to Whitehall that 4,500 tonnes of steel angles were on the way

'Increasing'

sterling need

Saudi Arabia's requirements

for sterling were "increasing to a substantial degree", Mr Ahmad Abdul Latif, director general of the Foreign Depart-ment of the Saudi Arabian

Monetary Agency, said today.

But purely from an invest-ment point of view. Saudi Arabia might choose Deutsche

mark or Swiss franc bonds to convert part of its holdings of pounds sterling. He was com-menting on the Bank of Eng-

land's offer of new bond issues for major official bolders of

Emphasizing that no decision

had yet been taken in Saudi

Arabia, he thought that the Britis offer was very attrac-tive from the investment point

The size of a country's hold-

ings would determine whether it ought to convert and there were

attractive benefits to countries interested in diversitying their

investment patterns. But he

could not reveal the size of

Saudi Arabia's sterling holdings.

"At present our holdings are sufficiently diversified, and we

have enough of every currency

meets, Even so, Saudi Arabia needs a lot of pounds sterling and the diversification factor is there as a secondary factor."

The bulk of Saudi Arabia's holdings are in United States

dollars and the possible choice

of Detische marks and Swiss

france for the conversion of sterling holdings provides some

clue to the kingdom's future

policy on investment diversifi-cation, No mention was made today of the Japanese yen, for which the Bank of England offer is considered in the West

Utofficially, financial observers here believe that the Saudis are not attracted to the

yen because it has the disadvan-

tage of being exposed to West-em industrial pressure while, at the same time, being subjected to tight controls by the Japan-ess Communication

ese Government.
While Saudi Arabia has not confirmed whether it will take up the Bank of England's new bond issues it is clear that they are receiving favourable consideration.

by Saudis

From Our Correspondent

Jiddah, April 12

sterling.

n view."

from Yokohama to British ports with a further 14,500 tonnes labelled for various Continental ports, with the strong possibility that much of this would be transshipped by the merchant trade for British chant trade for Britain.

Japanese shipments as an attempt by the merchant trade to beat formal curbs since the Government was already en-gaged in a study of the Japanese import trend.
Last night the Department

of Trade, referring to an article in Business News last Wednesday on the Japanese import threat, said: "It is possible that a consignment of 4,500 tonnes arrived some days before The Times story of last week. However, the Government acted within 24 hours of that story in order to catch what is estimated at almost 20,000 tonnes of steel destined for Europe

BISPA last night warmly welcomed the speed with which the Government acted (introduction of dumping duties normally takes about five days) and said that the move should have effectively forestalled a major attack by the Japanese on the British market The action against Japan, the

By Caroline Atkinson

of this week.

continuing.

From John Earle Rome, April 12

As the yen coatinued its

upward surge on foreign

exchange markets around the

world yesterday, first figures

for Japanese imports in March

indicated that another embarras-

singly large trade surplus will

be published when the final

figures are available at the end

Licensed imports in March

were valued at \$6,664m, a rise

of 18.3 per cent on a year

earlier. This is smaller than

the comparable rise in exports

and shows that the trend of

exports growing faster than

Japan's trading parmers over

the past few months, is still

bought dollars heavily again

Jesterday to prevent the yen

Travellers in Italy in coming

months may find they are get-

ting 1.5 instead of more than

1,500 lire to the pound sterling. Signor Gaetano Stammati,

The Japanese authorities

imports, which has worried

Yen surge precedes

trade surplus figures

the import problem and the industry could look forward to improved government and EEC

In the state steel sector, the British Steel Corporation's difficulties caused by the strike by 560 electricions at the Port Talbot plant in South Wales continued. The ESC is not disclosing losses, but it is estimated that the nine-day shut down has cost £20m.

About 6.700 other warkers About 6,700 other workers have been laid off because of

have been laid off because of the strike over pay differentials. The plant provides much of the tinplare used by the United Kingdom canning industry and the BSC has been forced to import 70,000 tonnes of steel from Europe to keep open its tinplate plants in South Wales. But vesterday the strike leader, Mr Wyn Bevan, said that action may be taken to halt the BSC's steel imports and the strike committee would report strike committee would report the results of a review to a meeting of strikers set for

Friday. The BSC has said that the strikers' demands for pay rises in recognition of increased skills would breach the pay policy and would wreck differentials at its other steel plants.

wish to encourage imports,

especially from those EEC

countries such as Britain which

have complained about their

deteriorating trade balance with

With yesterday's close of

270.5 against the dollar the

yen reached its highest point

Truding was kept within very

narrow limits by the official

follow closely the trend of

those used in the official trade

figures, showed that Japanese

imports from Europe have risen

by a smaller than average 14.8

per cent in the past 12 months.

Imports from the United States

A broad breakdown by com-

modity shows a 20.8 per cent

were up by 30 per cent.

The import figures, which

intervention.

rising above the 270 level, jump in food imports and a They had recently relaxed their 17.8 per cent rise in the value tight grip on the external value of crude fuel imports.

Italy may introduce a new

lira at 1.5 to the pound

since the oil crisis of 1973.



Mr Rames Wolfensohn:

# \$100,000 for ex-chief of **Schroders**

Schroders, the merchant bank ing group, is to make a \$100,000 (£60,000) exgretia payment to Mr James Wolfeasohn, the Australian who resigned as

executive deputy chairman from running Schroders' New York sanking business in 1974, lett the group to become a general partner with Salomon Brothers,

that Mr Wolfenschn's appoint ment as deputy chammon was a prelude to his taking over as Conirms on the retirement of Mr Michael Verey, who will step down at the annual meeting next month. Instead, the job has gone to Lord Airlie, who has been on the board of Schroders

his services, and, in particular,

# Sir Eric Miller rejects Peachey board's call to resign as director

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With his political links—he is Sir Harold Wilson's landlord, has longstanding connections with Mr Regincila handling and the property corporation. chairman and managing director of Penchey Property Corporation, Sir Eric Miller is now attempting to fight off moves to oust him from the board alto-

a big City dispute with Sir Eric. Wilson's resignation bonours list list year, trying to prevent his fellow directors forcing him off the board at the company's next annual general meeting. Last night Lord Mals, the chairman, declined to say why Sir Eric had been asked to rosign. He said: "The annual accounts would be out shortly

been shown in the recent preliminary stated " However Lord Mais added that when the accounts were published, "I think you will see he reason behind what has

and the results would he 'no better no worse' than had

A terse announcement from the company, released yesterday erening, said the board had "asked Sir Eric Miller to resign as a director but that he

pose his reelection and will themselves vote against it." Lord Mais, former Lord The stage now seems set for Mayor of London and previa big City dispute with Sir Eric, only a non-executive director
who was knighted in Sir Harold of the company, took over as
Wilson's resignation honours chairman and managing direclist lest year, trying to prevent tor at the end of last month

when Sir Eric gave up the posts because of "unwelcome publicity" affecting himself, his family and the company.

The move against Sir Eric did not come as a particular did not come as a particular surprise to the City. Indeed, there had been some surprise that when Sir Eric stepped down as chairman and managements.

ing director he had not severed his links with Peachey altogether. However, when he became chairman two weeks ago, Lord Mais said the directors had reservations and regrets" bout Sir Eric's decision. Lord

Mais was "pleased that Sir-Eric could continue to serve as a director" and commented that "we need his knowledge very much indeed " At the same time Mr Stephen

is a former treasurer of the Socialist International—Sir Eric has figured prominently in political and City gossip However, recently rumours

concerning fir Eric have taken a different form. On March 24 he depied that there was any intention of asking for the sus-pension of the Peachey share quote after a particularly savage bear raid.

Commenting on the rumours he said at the time: "How they come about I do not know... One rumour suggested that I was supposed to have been arrested in Holland. I have not even been out of this country for three months." He also denied that he had sold his 504,085 shares in the group. At the time that Sir Eric

stepped down as chairman and managing director the groun reported a 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £846,000 for the year to June 24, 1976, after a £282,000 provision had

engineering

prise Board has taken a majo-rity stake in the Surrey and Hampshire-based precision con-

Hampshire-based precision envi-neering company Mollart Engi-

The board announced yester-

day that it had bought 71 per

cent of the issued share capital from inscitutional investors for

a cash consideration of £382,000. The remaining capital is held by members of the Mollart

Last year the company re-ported sales of £1.9m and profits before rax and excep-

tiocal items of £130,000.
The NEB has agreed to make

available a medium-term loan facility of £200,000 to be used for expansion. Mr J. H. Mur-

ray, a divisional director of the NEB, will join the Mollart

board.
This is the third intervention

by the board in the small to

ware company, under which it took a stake of 29.9 per cent in the CAP group for £549,111.

The board made it clear last night that it would not be interfering in the activities of the

Mollart company. Apart from the one NEB director, the Mol-

lart board will remain un-

family.

By Malcolm Brown

The saie, however, helped Adda International shares They climbed 2p yesterday to 18 p on the news that the forthcoming balance sheet would show a near £5.5m drop in United Kingdom borrowings NEB stake widens in

month.

"We're replacing high-cost money". Mr Godfrey Brbmann, Adda finance director, commented. This was costing 4 per cent over the Finance Houses Association base rate.

Adda was forced to buy out the leasehold interest in the Chelsea when the developer failed in 1974, and then had to "finance it as best we could". The Chelsea's 217 rooms are effectively priced at £27,650 each which, even allowing for the lower ballroom and conference space, compares attrac-tively with the Dorchester scie price and reflects the bumper summer and autumn expected by the London hotel trade this

The Chelsea has attracted o lot of interest in the past, but Rangate, which has been negotiating in earnest for about a month, "is buying ver, good assets which lit well into all market place". Mr Erbuana continued.

For its own purt, Adda looked at the opportunity. cost, interest charges and the £450,000 trading profit for 1975, and concluded that in our situation it was a very good sale".

## Cement makers seeking increase

Another round of price rises is expected shortly. The Cemeut Makers' Federation is expected to agree at its next meeting to seek a rise of 10 to 15 per cent to cover increasing costs, chiefly fuel.

If passed by the Price Commission the new prices will

come into force in May. The rise will be the second this year United Kingdom deliveries fell 8 per cent last year and Mr John Milne, managing director of Associated Portland Cement, said yesterday that the construction downturn would mean a similar drop this year. Financial Editor, page 17

# has declined to do so. Scottish finance helps to rescue toolmaker

An engineering company in the hands of liquidators for the past five months is to be teken over by Mr William McCrindle. who is managing director of two

other companies. Mr McCrindle, who is 37, announced in Glasgow vesterday that he had concluded an agreement to acquire Scottish Tool Manufacturing, of Kilmarnock, for £165,000. The total invest-

would be £250,000. Mr McCrindle, who was a shop steward some 10 years ago, is managing director of William McCrindle and Son and Mc-Crindle Shipbuilding employ-ing 250 people. He said yesterday that the new factory would be used for precision engineering. He hoped it would employ about 60 people.

The Scottish Development Agency is providing as loan of £90,000, and the Scottish Economic Pleaning Department is giving £27,000 by way of an interest relief grant. A further £109,000 is being made available

had combined to save the factory, a small but vital local industry A trade union official had been the first to suggest an eremination of the company, and the employees had accepted

Mr McCrindle scid all sides

of industry, including govern-

ment-sponsored agencies, banks,

unions and business interests

the McCrindle agreement although they would receive 5p an hour less than they were McCrindle paid by the old company. Mr William Ross, former Secretary of State for Scotland,

who represents the consti-tuency in which the factory is situated, said Mr McCrin le's move contained a message for other industrialists. "If people get into difficulties there are govern-

ment azencies there to help, provided they go at the right time", Mr Ross said. The Scottish Development Agency had not been set up to take over lame ducks, but it could

medium section of industry in this month alone, and would seem to indicate a quickening of the pace of NEB investment at this end of the market.

On April 6 the NEB automated a page 100 April 6 the NEB automated a page 100 April 6 the NEB a page 100 April 6 the NEB a help groups with growth potential. £1.75m of new capital into Francis Shaw, the Manchesterbased machinery manufacturer supplying the rubber and plastics industries. Twenty-four hours earlier it had signed an agreement with Computer Analysts and Programmers (Holdings), the computer soft-There is little doubt that the great keenness with which cash limits have been enforced has

will deduce from this year's ex-perience that they can afford to perience that they can afford to adopt less draconiar control measures during 1977-78.

A fall in interest payments below the expecte level was one of the most important causes of the cutback in government spending.

#### ing. It remains to be seen whether the same toughness will be applied next year or whether spending departments

# Leyland replies to critics

Wankel engine

Detroit, April 12.-General Motors said today it had dis-continued research and development work on the rotary

engine. While it had made improyements in many areas of rotary engine technology, its rotary engines did not have the potential for low emission levels and fuel economy of piston engines; GM explained. The disclosure that it had

"discontinued research and development" of the Wankel engine comes seven years and an estimated \$100m (about £58m) after General Motors first began work on what was hailed at the time as a revolution in engine rechnology. Reuter, AP-Dow Jones.

The report also highlights a

serious defect in the West German BMW 2002 car.

It concludes with an "urgent" request to investigate the alleged defects, order British Leyland and BMW to recall the

cars in the them, urgently increase efforts to investigate consumer complaints, and seek-civil penalties on all manufacturers selling cars who fail to report defects in their models to the Government.

In addition, the Centre for Auto Safety demands that the government agency "seek civil penalties against British Ley-land and BMW for failing to

Vehicle Safety Act when they were aware of defects

A spokesman for Leyland International in London said the report was based on information "secured out of context" from a document produced by Leyland's New York office which was drawing attention to defects found in imported models.

All the defects listed in the report had been dealt with under warranty and the com-pany had complied with United States federal regulations. He dismissed as "nonsense

the group's claim that Leyland had showed callous disregard of owner and warranty complaints. comply with the defect notifica- The company had asked the tion and recall provisions of group for the full text of the the National Traffic and Motor letter.

# The Times index: 168.14 + 1.54 The FT index: 407.9 + 4.9

### How the markets moved

#### THE POUND Rises 2p to 181p 8p to 430p 2Jp to 822p 10p to 255p 6p to 238p 13p to 538p 4p to 37p 2p to 15p 6p to 288p 6p to 288p 6p to 76p 6p to 89p Eank sells s Oxley Printing 11p to 16p Prop Inv & Fin 7p to 75p Rand Select 10p to 430p Ransomes Sims 71p to 1221p BP Cater Ryder De Beers Dfd Harrison Cros Rifi & Smith Jacks W Lasmo Ops Lee Cooper Lloyds & Scot Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada S Denmark Kr Finland Mkk Smith WH 'A' France Fr Germany Dur Greece Dr Hong Kong S Italy, Ka Japan Yn Netherlands Gld Norway Kr Portugal Esc S African Rd Spain Pes Sweden Kr Svitzerland Fr US \$ Yugoslavia Dur Falls GKN 7p to 304p McLeod Russel 7p to 200p Ocean Trans 7p to 144p Reed A 3p to 52p Taylor Woodrow 6p to 310p Westland 61p to 541p Equities stayed firm. Gilt-edged securities fell on inflarate was 61.6. Gold closed \$1 up at \$149. SDR-5 was 1.16100 on Tuesday, while SDR-5 was 0.675393. Gilbenged securities feu on anto-rion worries. Dollar premium 119.75 per cent (effective rate 44.527 per cent). Sterling closed 6 points up at \$1.7193. The effective exchange Commodities: Reuter's index was 1741.0 (previous) 1732.2.

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# RESULTS **FOR 1976**

In the Life Assurance Branches the surplus for the year allocated to policyholders was £15,382,000 (1975£13,213,000).

In the Fire and Accident Branch there was a loss on underwriting of £120,000 (1975 £18,000 profit), and investment income amounted to £384,000 (1975 £309,000).

At 31st December 1976 the total assets in the Balance Sheets amounted to £352 millions (1975£334 millions).



Registeréő Number 1364C-England,

# By Christopher Willins happened today". deputy chairman in February. Mr Wolfenschn, who was brought in to become group the New York investment bank. It had been widely assumed mr Verey said yesterday that, like other senior Schroders-executives, Mr Wolfensohn did ment, including working capital,

not have a contract with the company. He said the size of the payment reflected the fact that for much of his time with Schroders first in Australia and then in the United States, he had been earning dollar salaries. By American standards the payment was not a big one.

In his annual report Mr Verey refers to "our appreciation of the special contribution which he made in the conduct of the group's affairs in the inter-national field over a number of The payment, which is to be

made in dollars, will have to be approved by shareholders at the annual meeting. Financial Editor, page 17

# Trend of public spending below forecast By David Blake ment for the public sector to £8,800m from the f11,900m pre-expected to show that public dicted in April last year.

The borrowing need of the central Government alone during 1976-77 is now expected to be £5,830m, of which £4,629m

had been accounted for up to

the end of Fabruary.
During the 11 months for

which figures are already avail-

able, government spending from

the Consolidated Fund was up

8 per cent on the previous year, compared with 11 per cent predicted at the time of the 1976 Budget.

spending during the financial year just end d was held well inside the limits set at the last Budget

Central Government Borrowing Requirement figures for March are expected to provide further evidence of the improvement in the public sector's fin-

ancial position which led the Chancellor to reduce the esti-mated total berrowing require-

# studies carried out by the Bank of Italy have progressed suffi-ciently to advance the idea of a simplification of our monetary system in the near future", he GM abandons

added.

The idea of a heavy lira has been aired in recent days after lying dormant for years. In the postwar years Italy did not follow France and Greece in the introduction of a heavier currency, unit in their cases. rency unit—in their cases, valued at one hundred times the old—because of psychologi-cal opposition among public

Partly, Italians did not want

Minister of the Treasury, today said studies by the Bank of Italy were far enough advanced to make possible soon the introduction of a "new" or "heavy" lira in which the last three zeros had been cut off—in other words a lira at the rate of one words, a lira at the rate of one for every thousand.

Interviewed on Italian television, the minister recalled that the proposal was not new. He believed the Government favoured it, as it would have the advantage of simplifying company and public accounts. as well as in recording circula-

#### to be deprived of the joy of dealing in millions and billions. after the poverty of wartime destruction; but, more im-portant, they feared that the introduction of a beavier currency unit would mask a surreptitious impost or levy on tion of the currency. "I think personally that the

& CO. LTD. Chairman's Statement in respect of the Final Dividend

TAYLOR, PALLISTER

Group Sales were £206,682 higher at £1,982,020 of which £787,122 (39,71%) represented direct exports as compared with £597,327 (33,64%) in the previous year. We were fortunate to have a full order position during the year with me cut backeting the position during the year. with no cut backs in working, our non production sales continue to contribute satisfactorily, and I am therefore pleased to report that Group profit before taxation for 1976 was £147,782 (£69,696 after taxation) as compared with £128,087 (£62,251 after taxation) in 1975.

Your directors recommend a final dividend of 3.13225p per share (12.529%) payable on the 2nd June, 1977 which together with the interim dividend of 0.92125p per share (3.685%) makes a total of 4.0535p per share (16.214%) for the year. As reported at the time of the announcement of the interim dividend the present disparity between the interim and final dividends is to be considered for future years with the intention of bringing these into line with what is considered a more reasonable proportion.

Our order book, partially made up of orders of some substance which our resources made possible, is satisfactory and is encouraging considering the lower level of activity in the marine field. Some caution is necessary with the falling off in world shipping generally and a rate of infliction in the U.K. continuing to be higher than most other countries. Continually rising costs and the complete with withdrawal of regional employment premiums regether with the unknown effects of Stage 3 of the incomes policy make it not possible to forecast for the coming year, but our products continue to be in demand throughout the world and provided we can achieve satisfactory levels of production we anticipate benefiting from the opportunities available.

R. H. TAYLOR.

## Britain develops first plastic mini-submarine

British engineers have built the world's first plastic mini-submarine. For five years the submarine, which costs £500,000, has been a closely-guarded commercial secret, even during trials in Scotland. But now it has passed rigorous sea and depth trials, and is going into production at the Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire, plant of Vickers Slingsby—part of the Vickers group, which makes nuclear submarines. The 21ft-long submarine is the development of Mr Jim Tucker, a former acrospace

The three-man, rust-free sub-marine, necessary for North Sea oil exploration and mainten-ance, will last 10 to 15 years longer than metal models. Yesterday Mr Tucker said: "The problem for the Russians. Americans and us has been that plastic is not strong enough to withstand water pressure. But we have been able to reinforce it with glass and it is now as tough as steel. Obviously the big advantage is that it will not rust. But it also mesos a bigger pay load; it's warmer and more comfort-

able for the crew. The plant has, in fact, already sold three submarines, which it will make at the rate of one a year. Two went to Vickers Oceanic and the other to a Norwegian company.

# beer levy still haunts brewers

There is increasing concern within the drinks sector that the Government will give in to Liberal pressure and withdraw the 51p a gallon extra taxation imposed on petrol in the Budget in favour of increased levies on alcohol. The Chancellor has given warning that such a move could mean an extra 3p on a pint of beer.

Already some brewers are pointing out that British beer is the most highly taxed in Europe, while our petrol and fuel oils bear the lowest taxa-tion in the EEC. It is also felt that the Liberals might reap an unwanted harvest in the next election because there are "as many beer drinkers as drivers in rural areas who will resent the taxation switch".

The Liberals object to the higher petrol keyy as they con-sider it an unfair burden in rural areas where cars have become a necessity because of the withdrawal of public trans-

Brewers are already resigned to the prospect of a minimum increase in sales volume this year, even if there is a third successive heatwave summer. To recoup the £310m the Chanrellor originally planned to take from petrol and fuel oil in a full year, Mr Healev would full year, Mr Healey would need to put 3p on a pint, assuming the whole impost were transfered to beer.

However that would take no account of a potential sales decline due to the increase in duty and value-added tax which could mean the Chancellor might have to put on an additional 31p or even 4p a pint to yield the same revenue.

To spread the burden more widely across the drinks sector would also be unwelcome. The Wine and Spirit Association has already presented a paper to the Treasury demonstrating that leaving duties untouched in the present market maximizes the return to the Chancellor.

#### Britain in traffic research project

Britain, Belgium, France and Germany are among countries which have agreed to cooperate in an international research project designed to produce a standard system of electronic traffic aids for major roads. The European Community itself is also expected to participate in the project, mounted under the auspices of the Committee on European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST). Its by 23.5 per cent to 19,308 grams on 25 per cent fewer articles sent in for testing. aim is to develop techniques for the control and management of

# Spectre of 3p Significant' Japanese imports of UK motor components forecast

A team of visiting Japanese motor industry executives has decided that Britain's labour relations problems are not nearly as bad as they are pain-ted overseas. As a result they predict that British component and accessory exports to Japan will "reach ignificant levels in the long term.

A joint statement issued yes-terday by the Japanese Auto-motive Manufacturers Associa-tion and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders described it as "a turning point in Anglo-Japanese relations in this field. As a first move some of the major Japanese car makers are considering appoint-European purchasing

The 13 senior executives, all concerned with their companies' purchasing policies, represent leading companies,

record for

By Patricia Tisdall

hallmarking

Gold and silver articles sub-mitted for hallmarking broke new records during the first three months of 1977, according

to figures issued yesterday by the Joint Committee of the Assay Offices of Great Britain. Compared with the same quarter of last year, the weight of silver sent for testing jumped

by 57 per cent to a total of 45,732 kilograms. The number of articles rose by 29.4 per cent to over 2.2 million wares, reflecting an increase in bowls,

dishes and tankards being

specially produced for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

To commemorate the Jubilee, silver wares weighing more than

15 grams are being struck with a special mark of the Queen's head in profile as well as the sponsor's mark, standard mark, office mark and date letter.

The weight of all the gold

wares assayed in the offices in

London, Birmingham, Sheffield and Edinburgh climbed by 32.4 per cent compared with the 1976 period, to a total of 14,282 kilograms while gold wares rose

40 per cent to a total of over

3.6 million articles.

A spokesman for the committee said that the totals for

gold and silver hallmarked were

an all-time record. The normally

slack January, February and March periods have been exceptionally active with only a

But platinum has had a dis-

appointing quarter with the weight of metal tested declining

pause in January.

week tour organized jointly by the SMMT and the British Overseas Trade Board.

From the outset the Japanese were at pains to point out that their visit was a "look-and-see operation" only and unlikely to lead to firm orders—a statement which seemed to substantiate the widely held view that the visit was littel more than window dressing to relieve the growing pressure for government restrictions on Japanese

Lts night a British official who has been involved in the visit said: "They came with the preconceived view that British Leyland's much-publicized labour problems were typical of the general position here. This was obvious from the time they spent questioning managements

including Toyota, Nissan (Datsun), Honda, Isuzu, Fuji, Mitsubishi and Toyo-Kogo. They arrived on March 20 for a three-that this is just not true. As a result were are much more confident about the prospects for component sales in Japan."

The official statement issued yesterday at the end of the visit said: "It is clear as a result of these discussions that certain anxieties about labour relations in the component and accessory industry have been dispelled ". It reported that 10 samples and 20 firm price quotations had been requested from the 17 companies visited.

A delegation from the SMMT will return the visit next month. It will coincide with an exhibi-tion of components and accessories being staged at the British Export Marketing British Export Marketing Course in Tokyo and may be followed up by British stands

# Three-month Shell starts drilling off western Ireland

Shell has begun a new offshore drilling programme off the west coast of Ireland. The company has spudded in its first well, which is farther west than any so far drilled in European waters.

pean waters.

Through its Irish affiliate, Irish Shell Petroleum Development Company, Teoranta, as operator for a parmership with AGIP, Ireland, the first well has been drilled in 1,550ft of water, 110 miles off the coast on block 35/13, one of the exploration blocks released last year.

designed for use in the most severe environmental ditions. The rig is being operated by Marine Drilling SA and has already drilled one well (in British waters) for the Royal/Dutch Shell group. Technical staff involved in

supervising the operation have been based at Limerick, and the supply base for the drilling programme is being carried out from Foynes, on the river Shannon estuary, using two specially designed supply boats. The well, which was spudded last week, is also the first be drilled in such deep water year.

The company is using the drilling rig, Sedco 707, one of a new generation of heavy duty semi-submersible rigs which

# put in at Tristar

Receiver

In brief

Travel A joint industry rescue attempt has failed to save

Tristar Travel whose licence to sell inclusive air holidays was not renewed by the Civil Aviation Authority earlier this month. The Association of British Travel Agents said yes-

terday it had been advised by the company that it had ceased trading and a receiver was being appointed. The bond lodged with the

association, estimated at just over £100,000, has been called in to refund an estimated 13,000 passengers who booked with Tristar. The association said all passengers would be pro-tected from loss.

Anti-bankruptcy loans

Japan's Government has developed an emergency financdeveloped an emergency financ-ing system to prevent smaller companies from going bankrupt in reaction to failure by their parent groups, the Trade and industry Ministry said yester-day. The system, applicable for six months from April 18, allows government financial institutions to supply emergency loans up to 20 million yen (about £43,000).

IFO output forecast

West German manufacturing industry expects its turnover to rise by 9 per cent this year and 7 per cent in 1978 after an 11 per cent rise last year, the IFO economic research institute of Munich said yesterday. Domestic turnover growth in

# More textile jobs lost during February

By Our Industrial

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Correspondent
Further reductions in the
cotton and allied textile
industry's labour force were
revealed yesterday. Total
employment in the industry in
February was 500 less compared with a year earlier, with
reductions in the weaving and
waste spinning sectors more waste spinning sectors more than offsetting higher employ-ment in the cotton system spinning and finishing sectors. According to the latest fig-ures published by the Textile Statistics Bureau, the daily rate of single yarn production in February was 1 per cent more than in January and 10 per cent higher than in the

corresponding month last year. The bureau noted that

although production was below the levels reached in May, October and November 1976, the volume of new orders booked by spinners was appre-ciably greater

The daily rate of woven

cloth production rose 12 per cent compared with January, but output was 21 per cent below the year earlier level. Weavers' stocks of cloth fell again during the month and reached their lowest point for

almost two years.

Italian wages: A study of the wage structure in the Italian textile industry finds that pay rates remain uncompetitively high despite recent curbs. The study says the index of labour costs per unit of produc-

tion at the end of this year will

be 190 in Italy (the rate in the United States equals 100). This compares with 150 in West Germany, 140 in Switzerland, 126 in France and 114 in Britain.

The study was carried out by Signor Alberto Colli, a labour expert for the Textile Industry League. However, he noted that the situation is not peculiar to the cotton textile sector (where he made his study), but largely represents the average situation in the manufacturing

Signor Colli noted that with recent wage curbs, which affect the rate at which cost of living pay increases are applied and the method for calculating severance pay, the increase in cash salaries in Italy probably can be held to 16 per cent,

#### Business appointments

# Standard

mr Alexander Robertson has been appointed a director of Stan-dard Chartered Bank. Mr Peter Melvill becomes a director of Standard Chartered Merchant

Mr G. Norman has been made managing director of Manders (Holdings) in succession to Mr J. D. F. Tavendale, who continues as chairman.

Mr D. A. Langford has been

made company secretary of English China Clays; Mr T. D. B. Giles becomes group financial

Glies becomes group imanciar controller.

Mr Anbrey Jones, formerly chairman of the Prices and Incomes Board, has become a director of Black & Decker.

Mr R. G. Sambrook is appointed a director of Willis, Faber & Demas.

Dumas,
Mr Peter Bennett and Mr
Trevor Holdsworth become nonexecutive directors of Thorn
Electrical Industries. Mr Bennett
is chairman of W. H. Smith & Son
(Holdings) and Mr Holdsworth is
deputy chairman of Guest, Keen
& Nettlefolds.
Mr F. Mayer has joined the
brand and becomes managing direc-

board and becomes managing direc-tor of Rothschild Investment Trust. Mr L. S. Wigdor also be-

comes a director.

Mr R. Leigh-Pemberton has been appointed chairman of National Westminster Unit Trust Managers on the retirement of Sir John Prideaux. Mr A. H. A. Dibbs, chief executive and a deputy chairman of the National Westminster Bank Group, and Mr J. F. Morton, investment manager, trustee and incomes tax depart-

chairman of the National Westminster Bank Group, and Mr J. F.
Morton, investment manager,
trustee and incomes tax department, become directors, succeeding Mr J. A. F. Binny and Mr
G. P. L. Pickering, who have
retired. Mr J. H. Webb, deputy
general manager and principal
actuary, Commercial Union Assurance, succeeds Mr K. H. Allen
as a director.

Mr R. C. Chapman has foined
the board of Courtaulds Knilwear.

Mr Wilfred Burnstone, secretary
of the British Gas Corporation, will
retire on June 30 and will be succeeded by Mr Gordon May, who
hecomes secretary-designate on
May 1. Mr E. A. Haynes is
deputy chairman of the northeastern region from May 1.

Datuk Haji Basir bin Ismail has
been appointed deputy chairman
of Kulim (Malaysia) Berhad and
Datuk C. J. Lowe joins the board
Mr T. B. L. Coghlan has resigned.
Following the acquisition by
EMI, Mr R. L. Watt becomes a
director of Development Securities
and succeeds Colonel J. A. T.
Barstow as chairman. Mr R. S.
Upsdell and Mr P. I. Hayman
become directors. Colonel Barstow, Sir Robin Alpine, Sir Edwin
McAlpine, Mr Malcolm McAlpine,
Mr Michael Richards and Mr
Derek Rudden have resigned from
the board.

Mr W. R. Merton has been

the board.

Mr W. R. Merton has been appointed chairman of The Sterling Trust, on retirement of Mr Michael Berry.

Mr Ronald Belton becomes chairman of Rohand Laws, after the

mr Konald Betton oecomes chamman of Robson Lowe, after the retirement of Sir Peter Horsley. Mr Robson Lowe has rejoined the board and Mr Adriano Landini has also been made a director. Mr Graham Carey and Mr David Crocker have been elected to the board of Robson Lowe International. Mr Charles Leonard becomes a director of Woods of comes a director of Woods of Perth (Printers). Mr M. A. Butt has been appointed chairman of Bland Payne

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The hard facts of a wages policy

From Lord Brown Sir. There are a number of be borne in mind when con-sideration is being given to a national wage policy.

(1) There are about six different levels of differential as

(a) Those between individual employees ; (b) Between groups of em-

level in the hierarchy;
(c) Between different levels
of the hierarchy;
(d) Between different hierarchies in the same industry; (e) Between different "indus-

tries", eg. engineering, Civil Service, mining, teaching, etc.; (f) Between citizens in different cateories, eg. those employed, unemployed, pensioners, disabled, etc. Unless clarity exists as to which differentials are being dealt with when arrangements are made, chaos can result. For example in 1975 the big strikes mostly concerned level (e) above. concerned level (e) above. Recent strikes in Leyland and British Airways concern level (b). Clearly the negotiations for phase three will at least have to deal with (e) and (b). The "kitty" principle could be apolied to both.

(2) Constant reference is made to the desire of some

made to the desire of some made to the desire of some groups of employees to return to "free collective bargaining". It must be quite clear that the word "collective" is in direct contradiction to what is being sought. What Leyland toolmakers and BA maintenance. men want is the right to nego-tiate separately—not collec-

There has always been the greatest reluctance on the part of most trade unions to join with other unions and negotiate collectively with managements.
(3) There is an underlying principle about bargaining over differentials at all levels which

sustainable change in a pattern of differential earnings by alteration to the pay level of one group unless that change is agreed, not only by those who benefit by the change, but also by those who do not. Otherwise the change made to the earnings of one group immediately leads to similar claims by all other groups. If these are granted them no change has been made to the pattern of differentials.

lovees working at the same This means that if the kitty principle (as for example described in a recent PEP publication) is used, say for a single company, then all employed in that company must, through their representatives, agree how the "kitty" is to be distributed to all ranks and employee groups. This, in and employee groups. This, in turn, involves the establishment of unanimous voting councils or at least the agreement of all representatives to abide by the majority view, the method used by the TUC to get agree-ment on phases one and two.

ment on phases one and two.

These three points are not fancy new ideas but simply a recognition of facts. Unless they are recognized and brought into the open as a basis of phase three then the arrangements will fail to function satisfactories. One last point which is not factual but nevertheless of great

importance concerns future years. Will there ever be a time when it is possible to contemplate a return to power barrempiate a return to power bar-gaining by individual groups or trade unions without the pros-pect of an economically intoler-shie level of wage inflation? The current assumption that after phase three all will be well is an evasing of reality. National wase policies are with us for keeps if we are to avoid the sort of inflation which nearly brought the country to its knees in 1975.

WIT FRED PROWN. is seldom recognized explicitly. 23 Prince Albert Road, NW1. It is not possible to make a April 4.

## Price freeze fear of every company companies will have something

From Mr T. Fortescue Sir, I must apologize for tres-

passing on your columns again so soon after my last letter ("The Budget: freezing prices", April 2), but Mr Hat-tersley's comments on his newly-published Price Commission Bill, as reported on your front page (April 5) are so extraordinary that they must be brought to your attention.

The Bill includes as expected

the power, which the Chancel-lor in his Budget speech denied by implication, for the Price Commission to freeze without explanation a notified price increase for up to four months from the date of notification, while it undertakes an Chartered new director in compensation for its loss for a period of legitimate revenue.

In his comments Mr Hatters-

ley is reported to have said: "The efficient company will have nothing to fear." It seems impossible to convey to him that under his proposals all

DIVIDENDS

Of 19,185,923 B shares in issue at 17th May 1976,

this year's interim report. In recommending this dividend rate the directors have been concerned to

establish a realistic level from which dividends can

of conversion of the remaining B shares.

grow in future in line with increases in income from

restments, and have taken into account the effect

13,991,143 have been converted into ordinary

to fear—the possibility of a four month price-freeze; and that the Price Commission will have no way of knowing whether a company is efficient until it has carried out its investigation. So the sequence of events will be: freeze, then investigate, then possibly allow. The efficient company will have the freeze, to fear, as much

In my previous letter I suggested that we had to choose between the assumption that the Chancellor had got it wrong and the assumption that Mr Hattersley was to make a concession. There is, as I fore-cast, no concession. This time we have to choose between the assumption that Mr Hastersley does not understand his own Bill and the assumption that he is making deliberately misallowed in full or in part the leading statements. It is a company will have no redress choice which I hesitate to

Yours faithfully, TIM FORTESCUE, Secretary General, Food and Drink Industries Council 1-2 Castle Lane, Loudon SW1E 6DN.

# The law of competition in business

From Mr B. V. Mether

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Hugh Stephenson (March 28) plainly misapprehends the level of business acumen prevalent in the Tory party in the late sixties, and his memories are incorrect

The law of competition has almost invariably meant that in an evolving business small independents are bought out. The cases of Burmeh's retail chain. and of Duckham's (the first multigrade) Oil are two in point. The policy in question was not that of a return to anything, but an encouragement of local initiative in ideas and invention, leading to personal financial success, whether or not the enterprise in question were to be a permanent one.

This was a response to the bierarchical structure of industrial assessments and of gov-ernment departments. In the one case profits were sure, may gins right, and so research expenditure kept minimal. This has been a recurrent pantern even in giant international companies. In the other, evidence of a very detailed kind was required, as Mr Cockerell will no doubt be pleased to inform the Crainty.

Finally, the evidence is the xerox to carbon fibres to swing-wing jet, to name only three, which were unsuccessfully offered to (one) small British company to my personal

The risks should be obvious to all. Yours sincerely, B. V. METHER, 17 Meole Walk,

Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Operation of

# credit unions

From Mr A. C. A. Hopkins Sir, The column "In Brief" on April 6 included the statement that the Government plans "to allow the introduction of cred-it unions in Britain" in legislative proposals for the licensing and supervision of deposit-tak-ing institutions. This is unfortunately rather misleading.

What the Government is pro posing is to improve the legal arrangements under which credit unions operate, by revising the provisions of the In-dustrial & Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, and applying it to Great Britain.

Credit unions were intro-duced to Britain in the early 1960s when Credit Union (Wimbledon) Limited was incorporated. numerous other registered CUs now, registered under either the Companies Acts or as Friendly Societies

The new legislation proposed will reduce the cost of establishing and operating credit unions and will make the movement spread more easily

A. C. A. HOPKINS. Secretary, RHC Credit Union Ltd. 11 Mead Close, April 6. Surrey, TW20 81A.

American Trust

# Company Limited Summary of the results for the year ended 31st January 1977

#### **CONSOLIDATED GROUP FIGURES** 1976 Total assets £61.2m set value per share. renue available for 46.9p 48.3p ordinary shareholde 1.150p nings per ordinary share 1.246p

Earnings per ordinary share ing full conversion of B ordinary shares Dividends per ordinary share Capitalisation issue (B ordinary shares)

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### In the United Kingdom perhaps the main event

affecting the economy was the steep fall in sterling during the year. Although the negotiation of the shares ranking for dividend. The directors recommend that a final dividend of 0.68p per share be paid on the ordinary shares, making a total of 1.10p per share. This compares with 1.35p per share last year, and with a minimum of 1.00p forecast in IMF package led to some return of confidence in financial markets, prospects continue to be affected by the danger of renewed inflation. The directors are adopting a cautious policy with regard to United Kingdom equity investment. They consider that the potential for long-term gains in United States equities remains superior to that in other marks and will continue to invest a substantial proportion of the portfolio there.

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\*unoscally large cash balances were held at 31.1.1977 in anticipation of impending loan repayments.

Copies of the report and accounts may be obtained from the managers and secretaries, Edinburgh Fund Managers Ltd., at 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh E-13 7/B where the annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May 1977 at 12-15 p.m.

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# Mr. Michael Verey, Chairman of Schroders Limited, reports on 1976

The Group had another successful year. The disclosed consolidated profit (after taxation and transfers to inner reserves), together with other surpluses credited to disclosed consolidated reserves, amounted to £6,555,000 compared with £6,230,000 in 1975. The disclosed profit of the banking and insurance subsidiaries was 24 per cent. higher than in

A maximum permitted final dividend is recommended, making a total for the year of 10.2425p per share compared with 9.3114p per share for 1975.

The earnings of J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited exceeded last year's record level. The banking division's profits were higher than ever before. The investment division continued to be profitable. The company finance division made its highest contribution yet to the bank's

The Schroder Life Group's new business

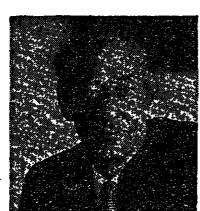
Finance, now Schroder Leasing, had another record year. Schroder Computer Services achieved a further improvement in external income. Earnings from the Group's operations in the United States improved significantly owing to increased revenues from virtually all service activities and from higher security profits. The

results overall were encouraging and Schroder

record revenues were achieved in the portfolio management and investment banking areas. In Switzerland, J. Henry Schroder Bank

volume of lending business expanded while

A.G. again achieved excellent results. In Brussels, we and The Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation each took a fifty per cent. interest in MTBC & Schroder Bank which opened in September, 1976.



In Australia, the Schroder, Darling Group was helped by declining short term interest rates to achieve a record pre-tax profit in the year to 30th June, 1976.

In Brasil, the Schroder-Monteiro Aranha companies continued to expand and we have remained active elsewhere in Latin America.

In the Far East, Schroders & Chartered enhanced its position in Hong Kong. Our Tokyo representative office continued to expand its activities. Group earnings from our Japanese business reached record levels. In October, 1976 we acquired an interest of just under twenty-five per cent in Singapore International Merchant

In the Middle East, the Group expanded its activities satisfactorily and we acquired a shareholding in a new investment bank in Saudi Arabia, The Saudi Investment Banking Corporation.

Our associated company, Property Holdings International Limited, has been faced with difficulties. The sectors of the United States real estate market in which its projects principally lie did not show the improvement which had been looked for at the beginning of 1976.

After 43 years with the Group I am retiring at the Annual General Meeting on 4th May, 1977 when the Earl of Airlie will succeed me. I record my grateful thanks to all those who have worked or who now work for the Group.

Group Companies, Associates and Representative Offices In: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Brasil, Canada, The Cayman Islands, Colombia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. If you would like a copy of the Schroders Limited Report and Accounts, please write to The Secretary, Schroders Limited, 120 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DS.



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# BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Shifting trends among merchant banks

Schroders' annual report con seen in merchant bank accounts in the past year has been the result solely of currency chamber and that the underlying beasition is still fairly sluggish. Thus, its loans were up by 23 per cent to £438m, its deposits by 20 per cent to £800m, and the grass assers by 183 per cent to gross assets by 181 per cent in 1,005m. But the group notes hat sterling lending—thanks largely to the ending of sterling's role in third country rade—was little changed, while rance—was pute changed, while is Eurocurrency book, in volume terms, was only slightly in excess of the pre-

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Schröders may have done less well in sterling than some other accepting houses, which as a group achieved 12 per cent toan growth last year, but the ncrease in its gross assets was close to the average. Since overkseas deposits of the accepting houses are now close to 60 per cent of the total its performance is probably a fair indicator for the sector as a whole.

Certainly its figures show a

little more buoyancy than those of Kleinwort Benson—although Kleinwort managed a 10 per cent profit growth while Schroder slipped back from £2.6m to £2.2m because of losses by its overseas associate. But both are put into the shade by Morgan Grenfell, which for the past couple of years has pursued a course all of its own. Morgan's deposits were up by 43 per cent, and its overall bilance sheet total by 30 per cent to £699m. In loan terms ir less clearly outperformed the market with growth of 27 per cent, however, and unlike Schroders and Kleinwort it did not keep its published capital

rising in line with its deposits.
The balance sheet is by no means under pressure, but this does explain why Morgan is having a scrip issue, bringing some of its inner reserves out te, into the open to increase its published reserves and is adding to the paid up capital of the holding company.

# Metal fabricators

### Judging the building cycle

Sharp increases in the profits of two of the large non-ferrous metal fabricating groups, EICC and IMI have done little to change the stock market's coolness towards the sector. It is easy to see why. Production of copper and copper alloys in the United Kingdom has been in decline throughout the last decade; BICC, although increasing profits, failed to reach its e previous record, while volume in its cables division actually

a ferrous as a non-ferrous group, are dependent on the building trade for a fair proportion of their sales. This has obvious disadvantages at the moment, building society advances have yet to recover antances have yet to receive in receives which began in the autumn and although a pickup is coming it could be some time before it works through, and even longer before the increasingly depressed level of new housebuilding starts is

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But there is a strong argument for regarding new houseballing at a rate of 350,008 year as almost irrelevant to a total housing stock of 28 million houses. The replacement market is potential. ally far more important than the market in new houses—a pickup in housing starts would obviously help, but rising returnshment expenditure

enerally may be the crucial

Mr Anthony Binny, chairman of Associated Portland Cement : looking for a 10-15 per cent

increase in cement prices. trade differs between companies and least affects IMI, which has strength in defence contracts and is more closely allied to general engineering, and con-sequently to any upturn in industrial activity generally. IMI, unlike BICC benefited from an increase in volume during 1976 (even if previous volume records were not regained) and this was the main impetus behind the record profits.

A further rise in industrial activity would continue to have a corresponding effect on profits, but an investment in IMI would not on this sort of reasoning be markedly different in character, from one in, say, GKN or TI. BICC, meanwhile, needs a major pickup in home demand for domestic wiring to create a major improvement in its

Unfortunately the underlying growth factor in the presence of 35 per cent of Britain's homes with wiring that needs replacing is little help when consumers may prefer improve-ments more obvious to the naked eye.

Such improvements would benefit Glynwed and Delta though particularly Glynwed for its baths and cookers as well as its non-ferrous tubing for central heating (the coldish winter could be an additional boost), and Delta because nearly all its products end up in buildings of one kind or another.

Delta's own breakdown of the

uses of its products is confusing in that it gives a figure of only 8 per cent as building products. These are taps, radiator valves and so forth. But it also produces domestic cables, brass Moreover, the three major rods (which end up in companies, BICC, Delta and plumber's fittings and hard-life, the smaller McKechnie, ware) and in total is providing and Glynwed, which is as much around a third of its sales direct to the United Kingdom building industry. McKechnie, simi-larly, as a brass rod producer and hardware group, would benefit considerably from a take-off for building products. McKechnie and Delta's profits have been rising, because the price code has been kind to them as it has to B'CC in allow-

> volume. The benefits on a rise in volume therefore, would be without this pickup in volume, however, little more can be said for BICC, McKechnie or Delta, than that as groups with large overseas earnings and minimal exposure to imports, they should do well in 1978-9. But that can be said about an awful lot of com-

ing incressed margins on lower

Delta, BICC and Glynwed are all selling on yields of more than 10 per cent—around three points higher than the sector average while McKechnie and IMT are born a point better. a rise in cooper prices is un-likely to be a problem for any of the five, while the sector as a whole looks a better invest-ment than straightforward build-ing products stocks because of better opportunities in the replacement market.

#### AP Cement

#### Diversification 1 4 1 possibilities

Faced with a further decline of perhaps a tenth this year in United Kingdom cement deliveries, which would bring the reduction in demand since 1973 to close on a third and leave the industry with around 25 percent surplus capacity, Associated Portland Cement is laying a great deal of corporate emphasis on diversifying away from the cement base that provided it with such a solid plan rom the cement pase mar provided it with such a solid plat-form for growth during the construction boom of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Apparently nothing too definite is in the pipeline at present with the board in two minds about various options. But APC hopes to make use of its existing expertise in mining, distribution and engineering within the construction industry so a possible deeper involve-ment in building materials, for instance, is possible. Although capital commitments

are budgeted to rise to £27m this year after some slippage in 1976, APC has all the balance sheet muscle to grow by acquisition with borrowings only 25 per cent of shareholders' funds More important, the group is now over the hump of its capi tel spending programme to modernize its domestic plants taI and push strongly into overseas markets.

Moreover, with only a 6 per cent return on assets in its United Kingdom cement business, 20 million tonnes surplus capacity in Europe and the lessons already learned from similarly hard-pressed United States coment producers, the need to find another growth point is readily apparent. As for the current year, APC will be mainly living off the fat of its two export contracts, should double exports to 2 million tonnes and keep domestic plants working close their present level, even though margins here are slim and will be dragged down to

the extent of sterling's recovery. Meanwhile, cost pressures continue to mount with APC's coal contracts, accounting for around a fifth of total costs, up for renegotiation next month although the group has taken some of the bite from this by closing as many of its energy intensive wet-process kilns and is looking at the possibility of switching Northfleet over to the

crease, which the industry expects to be 10-15 per cent and the lest for some while with the new Price Code in the summer. will be crucial for current year profitability.

So long as United Kingdom demand does not drop more than 10 per cent this year, APC looks as though it will emerge from another traing year with profits growth of around a tenth at £50m pre-tax which with around £14m of extra depreciation arising from its replacement cost accounting would be a third higher on an historic basis. And even if building materials still looks a vulnerable sector, that coupled with the export contrects and overseas cushion look good enough reasons for not rating APC so far behind Rugby

or Tunnel. Accounts: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £139.3m

Net assets £336m (£272m).

Borrowings £83.2m (£70.1m)

Pre-tax profit £45.4m (£39.4m) Earnings per share 22.8p

# Hire purchase: why industry is making the running In its very lack of emphasis the

annual report of the Finance There has been a sizable swing towards the Houses Association, published yesterday, has underlined what figures from the Department of financing of non-consumer business Industry had indicated already: mustry new moncated already:
that the credit business is marking time, with little growth in
real terms in the value of new
business taken on.
But whereas the absence of
surface excitement has for a
long time been a fair reflection
of the recuperativa coma into which now accounts for an estimated 50% of the total done by members of the FHA

of the recuperative coma into which the healthier parts of the industry were plunged in the wake of the crisis of 1974, now there are signs of stirrings beneath the surface.

What these stirrings indicate is a shift in the balance of business which is working to the advantage of some companies while others are losing out. The association itself points out that there has been a sizable the recuperative coma into tion relief in the autumn bud-ger of 1974.

out that there has been a sizable swing towards the financing of non-consumer business, which now accounts for an estimated 50 per cent of the total done by members of the association— estimated because the swing is so recent that the association has only just got round to look-ing for statistics with which to measure its magnitude. Five years ago non-consumer

business—the financing of industrial and commercial equipment by way of hire purchase or leasing—probably accounted for less than a quarter of the industry business. ness; now it is on the way to providing the major part. To some extent the rapid growth in non-consumer business over the past five years has been a reflection of the somewhat peculiar circum-stances which have prevailed in the corporate sector during that time, and in particular of the introduction of stock appreciaable future. since

Subsequent to the introduc-tion of that form of tax de-ferral, very few companies have found themselves caught for significant amounts of mainfor significant amounts of main-stream corporation tax. And the tax arguments, therefore, for the outright purchase of new machinery and equipment have been substantially diluted. Hence the big increase in leas-ing, which has fuelled most of the growth in non-consumer business so far.

Now, with the banks caught, albeit none too hard, in a credit squeeze, and companies keeping one eye on their prospective working capital requirements and the other on the damage which continuing price control will do to cash flow, the arguments for non-consumer hire purchase look likely to come back into their own.

These arguments hinge on the borrower's security for the period of the loan (it can't, once agreed, be withdrawn), and on the fact that, since the lender's security for the quantity of the loan is the asset it is financing. it will not under normal cir-cumstances affect a company's capacity to borrow elsewhere.

But whether by hire purchase or leasing, it looks certain that non-consumer business is going to be the fastest growing sector a formidable struggle on its of the industry for the foresee- hands.

non-consumer business is, by definition almost, a prerogative of the bigger boys in the industry, companies like the clearing banks hire purchase subsidiaries, Forward Trust (around two thirds of its business), Lloyds & Scottish and Lombard North Central, this means that the smaller fish are having to fight for their growth in an area which (for all that the association detected signs of an upturn in the closing months of last year) has been at best static: the consumer

The consumer sector is, of its nature, a difficult one within which to expand. For the retailers (of cars, white goods and so on) through whom hire purchase facilities are normally purchased facilities are normally purchased facilities are normally careful. provided, are frequently tied by the availability of cheap by the availability of cheap finance, either to particular manufacturers, or to particular hire purchase companies linked

with those manufacturers. Thus at the moment Forward Trust is in a position to offer a particularly attractive deal on the new Fiat car: and any other hire purchase company trying to break in on that market has

The struggle is the more formidable since, on consumer deals, the servicing costs tend to be very high in relation to the value of the business done so that the margins are trimmed back hard enough without the pressures of well-financed competition. financed competition. And competition from within

the industry is not the only problem. There is in addition increasing agitation within the hire purchase business over the availability of cheap bank finance, with the aid of which consumers are now walking into car retailers and the like with cash to finance their purchase. purchase.

The recent credit squeeze may for the moment have put a stop to that one, but it looks as though it may only have been one symptom of an underlying trend towards divorcing the use credit from the goods it intended to finance. The Americans, of course, pioneered the idea of cash credit a long time back, and have tried with, to all appearances, very little success so far, to import the idea into Britain

However, the difficulties into which Citibank and the homegrown UDT ran on their mone

shops are not necessarily to be laid at the door of the idea itself. In the case of the former they appear to have reflected management problems, and in the latter, difficulties of funding complemented by problems on

with Forward Trust, which also ventured into this field and had its fingers burnt, the principal problem was certainly property. But Forward Trust has since sorted itself out and is now cautiously expanding its money show oversion again.

And it is not the only one to be making forays in this direc-tion. In the West Country, Western Trust and Savings, backed by Philadelphia National, is operating a quietly aggressive credit and deposit business from 15 retail outlets. With HFC (Household & Finance Company) and Boston Trust and Savings, Western Credit forms part of an American contingent now believed to have perhaps 10 per cent of the market in

consumer credit, though rela-

tively little of the non-con-

sumer side. When that happy day comes which the chairman of the Finance Houses Association, Mr Ronald Barnes, was looking in his annual statement, when con-sumer business once again resumes its accustomed growth, these companies are likely to make a strong bid in that area which now offers the best hope to the smaller members of the

It looks as though the battle for market share has only just

Adrienne Gleeson

# Hugh Clayton, Agricultural Correspondent, looks at a new manual for food planners

# Waste not, want less

Man now dares to be confident about the survival of his species. It is not as fashionable as it was a few years ago to prophesy inescapable doom. Those who did so reasoned that technical advance founded on dwindling resources had no hope of matching the global birth-rate.

Now the prophets prefer to say that the necessary resources are available but grossly mis-used. That view is supported by the editors of an unusually comprehensive new manual for planners of food policy.

"There seem to be no insuperable biological problems in feeding the world with more or less adequate diets up to the year 2000", they say. They continue, with admirable cau-tion: "We are less certain about the 21st century..."

Contributors to the book examine the facts of the food distribution chain from the effects of the sun's rays on leaves to the importance of the blob of mustard left on the side of the plate. The editors then draw on the earlier chapters to demonstrate that there is scope

for improved efficiency.

There is nothing remarkable about that. It has been done before, especially as it is now fashionable to make the difference between the most and least efficient farmers and food distributors the prime focus of investigations into the produc-tive potential of mankind.

But a quick summary belittles the achievement of the editors of Food Production and Consumption: The Efficiency of Human Food Chains and Nutri-ent Cycles. The detail and precision of their work are exceptional and a wealth of material from 28 contributors has been marshalled with im-

pressive discipline.
The editors behave like shepherds with an enormous flock to propel through a single farm gateway. Each sheep is a fact or statistic extracted from research in agriculture, biology, medicine and social science. The shepherds patiently coax and chivvy their charges until

as a fifth this year as the removal of subsidies drives the

price of butter above that of

The last straw came with the news that Unilever, the they reach pens. These can be equated with the tables which contain and illustrate the purpose of the book.

The main purpose of the book is to express the efficiency with which potential food materials pass from one stage in the food chain to the next. For example, the editors state that only 46 per cent of land that could be cukivated actually is. Much of the rest suffers from a harsh climate or some

other constraint.
Mr W. H. Pawley says in his chapter that elimination of tse-tse fly, the bloodsucker which transmits a fatal disease to men and some animals, would re-lease 1,000 million hectares of well-watered land in Africa. That is more than 10 times the farmland area of the EEC.

"The curse of the tsetse can

eliminated from the rich middle belt of Africa for \$2,200m", he writes. "This is 1 per cent of the world's annual expenditure on armaments." Mr Pawley's italics mark the only expression of emotion in more than 500 pages. Everything else is expressed without subjective comment, which makes the gradual exposure of the gap between what could be and what is done all the more striking.

The key vardstick in the book is the efficiency ratio used to indicate the amount of useble material extracted in a process which takes place at a print in the food chain. The efficiency ratio of food produc tion on land that could be cultive ted against output from land which is cultivated emerges at 0.46. In other words, less than half the land that could

be cultivated actually is.
The efficiency ratio is highest when food enters the household The ratio of that food which is actually eaten is expressed as 0 90, but the editors concede to assume that nine-tenths of food which enters households

really is consumed. Even at that high level of transfer efficiency, though, the amount eaten by the human

associated with the jeunesse

Perched in a turret above the

less than 1/250th of the quantity that could be produced under the best conditions possible in theory. The editors accept that such a target is

impossible in practice, but they show that there is plenty of scope for improvement.

The editors argue that "the greatest potential improvement living the state of companions." li in the area of conventional agricultural technology". It is also, happily, the area in which the greatest effort for improve-ment is already being already

The greatest variables which the food policy-maker meets are weather and man. Sir David Curhbertson, senior research. fellow in pathological bio-chemistry at the University of Glasgow, writes in his chapter:
"Poultry diets are understood
with some precision.

The same cannot be said of our understanding of man's diet. First, he is not so readily available as an experimental be to have the estimated storanimal; second, his activities and physical environment are a year through pests and often unpredictable that his requirements vary; third, his saved per year would provide food habits may or may not be consistent with good nutrition."

"The main campaign should be to have the estimated storanimal; second, his activities age losses of 320 million tonnes and diseases, they say. "The 160 million tonnes (dry matter) requirements vary; third, his saved per year would provide consistent with good nutrition."

The editors and contributors to the book face without flinching the highly-charged question of whether the diet of that part of the human race which is adequately fed is the most reach a fuller assessment than efficient in terms of resourceuse. They find that it some-

expended.

times is not.

They note the vast quantity of cereals which are fed to livestock, especially in the developed world. They find that if the weight of potential human food fed to livestock was diverted to humans then the efficiency ratio of food the efficiency ratio of entering households ag food available for such

would rise from 0.44 to 0.67.
But the editors add that greater savings could be made through eliminating waste in storage and distribution. Loss of food eaten by livestock and waste are both included in the calculations that lead to an efficiency ratio of 0.44. "The main campaign should

world average of 9.5 mega-joules per head per day enter-

usual of the efficiency of human food chains throughout the would. Their book is published and priced in The Netherlands, and at present rates of exchange costs £28.

Their one weakness is in politics. In the final chapter where the editors recommend policy-makers to apply an analysis based on efficiency analysis based on examination levels, they include a brief section headed "Political and Popular Implications".

It says that a programme to improve food chains should be "politically acceptable to the

relevant central authority and be socially and, if relevant, economically acceptable to and acted upon by farmers or householders or, in many cases, both". But the editors say nothing about the efficiency ratio of conversion by politicians of recommendations from scientists.

Food Production and Consumption, North Holland Publishing, Jan Van Gelenstraat 335, Amsterdam; Dfl 120.

# Redemption Notice

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#### The exposure to the building Working capital pressure from Business Diary: Dame Agatha and after • Stalking butter

Agatha Christie died in Janutry last year but none the less maintains her pride of place in the annual report and accounts of Booker McConnell today. The conglomerate's Authors' Division handles the copyrights of a number of authors, among them Dame Agatha, Harold

hem Dame Agatha, Harold voter Ian Fleming Georgette Beyer, Dennis Wheatley and lobert Bolt; chief among these s Dame Agatha Agasha Christie Limited, in thich Booker's has a third take, acquired more of her opyrights during the year and low owns most of her literary

state.

The Authors Division inreased post-tax profits by over third to £487,000 last year, lost of it attributable to Dame gatha and her two most amous sleuths, Hercule Poiror, ecently portrayed in the film ecently portrayed in the film furder on the Orient Express

y Albert Finney, and Missianple, now largely synony-tous in film with the late largaret Rusberford. Booker's vice-chairman and hief executive Michael Caine an reasonably look forward to imilarly cheering profits from he division this year. Dame leastha's novel Death on the vile is likely to be filmed, and sublication is expected of her utobiography.

The latter may throw some

The latter may throw some ight on the only unsolved nystery that Dame Agatha left sehind her. This is the riddle of the 10 days in 1926 during which she went missing from her Surrey home to be found staying under another name at hotel in Harrogate,



"So, m'sieu—Came, if that is your name—still you say you do not know 'ow Mime Christie came to be in 'arrogate at the time in question, hein?" Agatha Christie sleuths Hercule Poirot in question, hein?" Agatha Christie sleuths Hercule Poirot (Albert Finney), Miss Marple (Margaret Rutherford) and Booker McConnell chief executive Michael Caine (himself, centre).

Dame Agatha is the most widely read British author in the world. She has been transleted into 103

Fighting fat Competition between suppliers

of butter and of margarine is going to be so intense this year that fiercely competitive buttermakers are to give up the traditional pursuit of fighting among themselves to take on the common enemy.

New Zealand butter subpliers have united rivels in Two years later she was the United Kinguom, and Den-divorced from her first husband, Republic, Holland and Den-mark to form a Butter Infor-mark to form a Butter Infor-According to a Unesco report marion Council. The job of the

BIC will to be to take on the opposition as represented by Unitever's Flora Information Burreau.

trade is rivalry as fierce as in trade is rivalry as herce as in butter. Seven countries supply the market, six of them in the EEC, and are united only by a desire to choke off the seventh. New Zealand.

However. Lawrence Friis, chairman of the New Zealand.

tional programme for butter and cheese. On top of this, butter con-sumption in these islands is expected to drop by as much

of England and Wales.

He says: "The council is very disturbed by some medical opinion which pro-

Dairy Board, said yesterday that New Zealand had no intention of bowing out and announced a £1.5m prome-

rections in a timet according to the monthly of Defence aerial reconaissance library, he has helped develop, with a battery principal supplier of margarine to the British market, is to hold a lavish "conference" of computer experts, what Treasury men call "Fizz". Burler and his boffins have had the task of rightening up This will provide a platform the gap in the Government's control of public spending with the introduction throughout Whirehall of a new Financial

Turner, senior fellow in pre-ventive cardiology at the University of Edinburgh, and a leading opponent of diets Information System, to give it its proper title, which measures spending flows on a monthly high in saturated animal fats— of which butter is a leading basis, a distinct improvement on the quarterly returns prev-Umlever, iously available. Tail, fair-haired, athletic with

regarded as the tenth member of the EEC, supplies margarine to the United Kingdom under the Stork, Echo, Blue Erral and Flora labels. The counter attack is being led by Junes Morton, chairman of the Butter Information Council and managing director of the Milk Marketing Board

motes hypothesis as fact, and conducts in the public media a debate which has never been resolved in medical scientific

From next week the Treasury's general expenditure division will be run by Robin Butler. Butler, an Old Harrovian, Oxford Rugby Blue and classical scholar, who succeeds the Wykehamist John Anson on the latter's promotion from under-

His most glamorous job to date was his membership of the team of Whiteball fliers who make up the private secretaries' office at Number 10 Downing Street. For all his junior rank, there was talk of his succeeding Robert Arm-strong as Principal Private Sec-retary in 1975. Fiction of another cort has crept into the Booker McConnell re-port and accounts. A graph of

an infectious enthusiasm for his esoferic work, Butler in his new job will be deeply involved in that annual cycle by which Treasury men live, known as the Public Expenditure Survey.

earnings per ordinary share shows a steady decline from over 20p in 1967 to less than half that in 1976. In fact, the graph was printed in reverse order from what was intended, and the earnings should have been shown as climbing from under 10p to over secretary to deputy secretary, should have been s has spent the past 18 months climbing from under 10 in the kind of job not normally 20p in the same period.

April 1, 1977

# Gilts in gloom; shares in bloom

sumed after the four-day break: terms from its American parent There was a surprisingly pitches against a generally unfavourable news background up at 71p. and in front of today's crucial

Bargains marked of 4,800 were the lowest since the start terest in Pork Farms brought a of the year, but a light demand rise of 5p to 195p. prices quickly ahead. By the close, the FT Index was 4.9 up to 407.9, its highest level of the day and its strongest performances which gained 6p to 1750. Glass day and its strongest performance in nine sessions.

well down on the day, even though selling was limited to light profit-taking. The specific concerns were that Friday's retail figures will show an acceleration in the pace of in-

Interim projits of market highflyer Kwik Save Discount are due on Friday and some feel estimates of £3.4m, against £2.1m, may prove to be con-servative. The benefits of new viores should be coming through and the pace of inflation should give the edge on more traditional rivals. Develop-ments in the group's "march south" are also awaited with interest. The shares held steady at 171p.

flation and that next week's trade figures may show a bigger deficit of around £300m.

The hope of another small cut in MLR did little for the general sentiment and long dates closed three-quarters of a point lower and at the bottom. Losses at the short end ranged between one-quarter and threemerger talks had been called

After the lapsing of the and in front of today's crucial after the labships talks on the next phase of the Borthwick terms, FMC closed incomes policy.

2p lower at 95p, after 93p, while further speculative in-

Among the industrial leaders o 407.9, its highest level of the which gained 6p to 175p. Glaso ended 4p to the good at 467p and there were rises of 3p from But inflation worries left gills.

On the engineering pitch, specific factors played a more important role. Westland gave up 6!p to 54!p after the loss of a Middle East contract and con-sequent redundancies put at around 10 per cent GKN continued to be depressed by last week's rights issue and dropped another 7p to 304p, but the annual report brought a brighter response from Vosper which closed 12p to the good at

Demand ahead of figures due today helped both Wilmot-Breeden, up 2p to 71p, and Babcock & Wilcox, 3p to 84p. The best of electricals were Becca "A" 5p to 285p and Reyrolle Parsons which added for to 156p. After figures, Cohen Brothers were at an unchanged 37p.
Companies to benefit from

Gilts and equities went their rising 6p to 276p after 280p. on 4p, for a close of 84p. Gilt-rest. The best of a firm Comseparate ways when trading re-Talk that Hoover may receive spur continued to respond to monwealth banking sector were last week's boardroom dissenhad the "A" 5p to the good at sion and lost another 2p to 27p, 285p, while speculation of a but the success of "Jesus of move by Lonrho had Suits 3p Nazareth" over the holiday was good for a 4p rise to 74p for the "A" shares of ATV.

There was a limited demand for hotel issues in particular Centre Hotels which gained 2p to 361p and Trust Houses Forte which gained 3p to 132p. Share placings left Arthur Bell unchanged at 200p and Adda International 2p better at 181p. Isolated firm spots were to he found in Milford Docks, up 2p. to 72p and Stag Furniture, where the rise was of 6p to 80p

in front of figures.

In the building sector, figures tomorrow had Mowlem 6p better at 116p, while Glynwed was another to benefit from figures this week and closed 1:p higher at 104!p. Wimpey closed 3p higher at 56!p and brick-maker G. Downing firmed 2p to 124p in front of figures which are thought to be builth.

which are thought to be believed. In shippings, an active P & O closed 2p better at 133p, Lois rose 2!p to 43p, but Ocean Transport reacted 7p for the final figure of 144p.

In the financial sector the strongest of the clearing banks was Lloyds up 4p to 204p and Barclays 3p to 248p. HP issues saw some demand on talk that saw some demand on talk that there may be some easing of motor purchase terms. UDT gained 2p to 26p and Lloyds &

Scottish soared 6p to 89p.
For the latter, there was the Companies to benefit from added incentive of market chatter that Lloyds Bank, which has 40 per cent of the shares, 91p, and Holt Lloyd which put

#### Latest dividends

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point lower and at the bottom. Losses at the short end ranged between one-quarter and three-eighths and dealers said the market as a whole had temporarily run out of steam.  After last week's news that merger talks had been called off, Gallenkamp returned to fayour with the "A" shares	Company (and par value) Channel Islands (£1) Fin Cedar Inv (25p) Cohen Bros (19p) Fin Cosalt (25p) Fin Taylor, Pallister (25p) Fin Dividends in this table are Elsewhere in Business News establish gross multiply the:	Ord div 12.5 0.9 1.22 1.55 3.13 shown dividen	Year ago 11 0.7 1.22* 1.4 2.84 net of	Pay date 24/5 3/6 — 2/6 tax on thous out	a gross	year 11 2.1 1.86* 2.5 3.68 er share. basis. To	
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ANZ Group 5p to 287p and Australia Commerce Bank which ended 5p ahead at 245p. Sons. Cheaper money Lopes did little for the property sector

where there was a mixed showing. Speculative interest had Property Investment & Finance up 7p to 75p, while Apex 2p to Pilkington Brothers at 312n look neglected. One reason is that it pays individuals to buy Barr & Stroud at 515p. For this

the buyer gets 265p cash and one ordinary share in Pilkington. The Monopolies Commission stopped Pilkington from taking over UKO and the agreed Barrs' acquisition is hardly a substitute. Even so, doubts about Pilkington's prospects seem overdone

130p was another share to go ahead. In retreat were Great Portland 6p to 206p and Eam-merson "A" where the fall

was 5p to 395p.

Buoyed by United States influence, oil shares were stronger than average. BP added no less than 20p to 822p. Shell gained 8p to 488p, and both Tricentrol 6p to 136p and Burmah 5p to 650, gained good ground in front of statements due soon. Ultramar was another good spot with a rise of 9p to

After hours, British funds lost more ground, but "blue chip" industrials continued to rise a penny or so. Beecham continued to be selectively wanted. Drake & Scull were unchanged at 14p after news of the managing director's amic able departure. Equity turnover on April 7 was £53.40m (13,539 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, accord-

ing to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Shell, Burmah, BBA, Marks & Spence, GKN, Midland, Westland, P & O. GEC, Dunlop, Vosper, Mowlem, Suits, Ultramar, Lofs and Lloyds & Scottish.

# Posers in sale of 1m **Arthur Bell shares**

By Ray Maughan The Gannochy Trust has sold 1m shares in Perth-based whisky distiller Arthur Bell &

The deal, transacted last week, comprises the purchase of 500,000 shares by Legal & General Assurance Society, also of Perth, and the market placing the remainder. The price is believed to have been around 202p per share, against yester-day's quotation of 200p, and institutions are understood to have been involved in

the placing. This is the second instance that Gannochy Trust, set up as a charity by the distiller's founder Mr Arthur Bell, has been a major seller in the market. In October 1975 the disposal of 3m shares diluted its control to a 23 per cent holding and the latest sale brings Gan-nochy's interest down to 15.69 per cent while Legal & General's

Rebound from

Cosalt bounced back in 1976.

It forecast over £1m at half-way. The dividend is up from 3.85p

to 4.24p gross. Sales in all divi-sions continue to rise. Cosalt is in ships' chandlery and fishing

PLANTONS (SCAREOROUGH)

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SPONG STARTS WELL

Plaxtons is to prepare next report and accounts for 13 months to Sept 30 next and to every Sept 30 afterwards.

Sales for 1976 up by £207,000 to £1.98m, and pre-fix profits from £128,000 to £148,000. Dividend

raised from 5.66p to 6.24p gross

Fairly good start made. Board topes for another reasonably

tops forecast

Cosalt

stake climbs to 12.29 per cent. While the market is divided as to the long-term effect of the sale on Bell's share price—and its future as an independent whisky group-most agree that the short-term movement will be muted while implying a criticism on the market mechanism. As one dealer said yesterday: "It is difficult to ger a large line of quality stock in quantity".

All agree that Bell holds strong growth potential, but opinion varies as to its sustained future as an independent.

One dealer estimated that after the Gannochy divestment for portfolio reasons "all looks sare for a while". Another felt that now the charitable stake has been broken up, the share's volatility may decrease. But with Bass Charrington still firmly in the background as a likely bid candidate, Bell's speculative interest will be

### Record year as sales dip at Cohen Electrical

Although sales fell from 22 lm to £1.7m, pre-tax profits Cosalt bounced back in 1576.
On turnover up 46 per cent to £17.7m, pre-tax profits jumped £12.5m. of Cohen Bros (Electrical) rose 7. per cent to a record 5452,000 for 1976. This is after deducting £10,000 as a retirement gratuity to a former director. Earnings a share of this maker of columns and maintainer of street and interior lights, are up from 4.97p to 5.27p. Its dividend is raised from 2.86p to 3.15p gross.

#### British Steel Cons

show a loss of £1.4m against a pre-tax profit of £174,000 by British Steel Constructions (Birmingham). Turnover dropped from £19.1m to £17.1m. Turnover After stripping out five sub-sidiaries which have called in receivers, it made a pre-tax profit of £124,000 for the year to October 31, 1976. This was

after £1.5m of extraordinary

items. Turnover was steady at

#### Euro-yen issue

Daiwa Securities, Tokyo, has invited an international syndicate to take part in a 10,000m yen Euro-yen bonds issue by European Investment Bank The issue will be the first-ever public offering under an amendment in March to Japan's foreign exchange control.

seven-year maturity is

Raine Engineering Industries cess. Acceptances have been received for only 41,000 ordinary, or 5.17 per cent of the shares to which the offer relates. When the offer was announced in February, Raine held 196,000 shares in Shefsince then. The extended until Friday.

Although the sales of Ellis & McHardy, solid fuel distributors, rose from £3.61m to £4.35m in the half to January 31, pre-tax profit was down from £124,000 to £117,000. The board believes that trading and profits are "satisfactory" in tough going.

The long-awaited accounts for the year to October 31, 1975,

A coupon of 7! per cent for

#### Raine Eng extends

unwelcome bid for Sheffield Brick has met with little suc-

### Ellis & McHardy slip

### Foreign Exchange

The dollar weakened in most European centres yesterday when they opened again after the long Easter break.

The mark and the Swiss france were particularly strong, with official intervention holding the latter rate from rising still further. The joint float of the snake currencies against the dollar reached a mid-point of 11.46 per cent above the dollar par, compared with 10.84 per cent at Thursday's close.
The yen closed in London at

another three-and-a-half year high against the dollar-of \$270.5 despite substantial official intervention Substantial official intervention

Sterling held up against the
dollar with good two-way business and closed at \$1.7193, in
London, six points up on last
Thursday. It was weaker against
the other currencies with a decline
in the Bank of Encland's effective exchange rate of 0.2 points. tive exchange rate of 0.2 points,

to close at 61.6.
Gold closed in London at \$149.875 an ounce, \$1 up on

# Spot Position

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### Discount market

Day-to-day credit finally proved to be a little short and the Bank of England was required to give the market moderate assistance. This was channelled via purchases of Treasury Bills and corporation bills directly from the houses. Underlying factors indicated the help was a bid under done, although the close in the market was very comfortable with final balances being taken anywhere between 7 per cent and 81 per cent.

Houses had been paying up to 9 per cent for money at the cut-set.

There was a slight rise in the

Set.

There was a slight rise in the nore circulation, and the market repayed the large loans made by the Bank of England on Thursday. In the markets favour was a quite large excess of Government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Exchequer, part of this was due to an export credit adjustment, but the main ingredient, dealers thought, was again money coming off the foreign excuange.

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### Wall Street

compared with 306 losing shares, Volume was 23.3 million shares, against 17.7 million yesterday. Analysts sald the heavy wave of

### Gold slightly higher

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT Strong upward trend very encouraging have the technical and commercial knowledge to Points from the Statement by the Chairman, decide whether the raising of funds for capital Mr. M. D. Pentland, C.A. investment is likely to be profitable. These companies have frequently felt unable to justify in commercial terms paying the high rates of interest New business The distinguishing feature of our new necessary to compete with those offered by the business figures for 1976 was the strong upward U.K. Government in the course of funding its trend in ordinary annual premium income. Total exceptionally large borrowing requirement. The new annual premiums in respect of individual life re-equipment of industry is of vital interest to us all, assurance contracts increased by 12% to £3,267,000 and the financial institutions remain ready to play while those for individual annuity contracts increased their part, but others have to play their parts tooby 39% to £1,667,000. Ordinary single premiums have also increased (by 50% overall) and there have industrial companies; their employees; trade unions; the Government. been corresponding increases in prospective benefits secured. These figures are very encouraging Agents' commission especially when one recalls the uncertain economic During the year members of the Associated background which prevailed throughout the past Scottish Life Offices and the Life Offices' year, and once again I would thank all our agents Association entered into a new agreement in on whose support we depend to produce such respect of agents' commission under which all commission will be related to the amount of satisfactory results. premiums under a policy instead of to benefits, as in Nationalisation proposals some cases in the past. This is a very significant step The irrelevance and irresponsibility of the towards providing genuine and effective consumer proposals to nationalise the "big four" clearing protection. The aim has been to ensure as far as banks and seven large insurance companies have possible that the amount of commission payable already been the subject of widespread comment. would not be a factor which might influence the As far as life assurance is concerned, policyholders type of policy or the life office recommended by are only too well aware that nationalisation of the an intermediary. The great majority of life offices business or even direction of our investment would operating in the U.K. now subscribe to this have a distinctly adverse effect both on the agreement which is widely regarded as being in the hest interests of everyone involved in the life assurance profitability of the policies in which they have invested their savings and on the vitality of the industry as well as of the insuring public. national economy as a whole. We have now entered the third year of our It cannot be too often stated that life offices current triennium and we look forward with are responsible long-term investors, not short-term confidence to the results of the triennial valuation speculators. Subject to the requirement to act as as at the end of the year-confidence which the trustees of their policyholders' savings, they have Directors have already marked by increasing the always been ready to make funds available for rates of ordinary interim bonuses above those

industrial expansion, but the initiative must lie with

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GRAIN (The Baltic). WHEAT: EDC food April, £39.75; May, £90.35; June, £91.75; July, £92.75 east Coast, EEC milling, unquoted.

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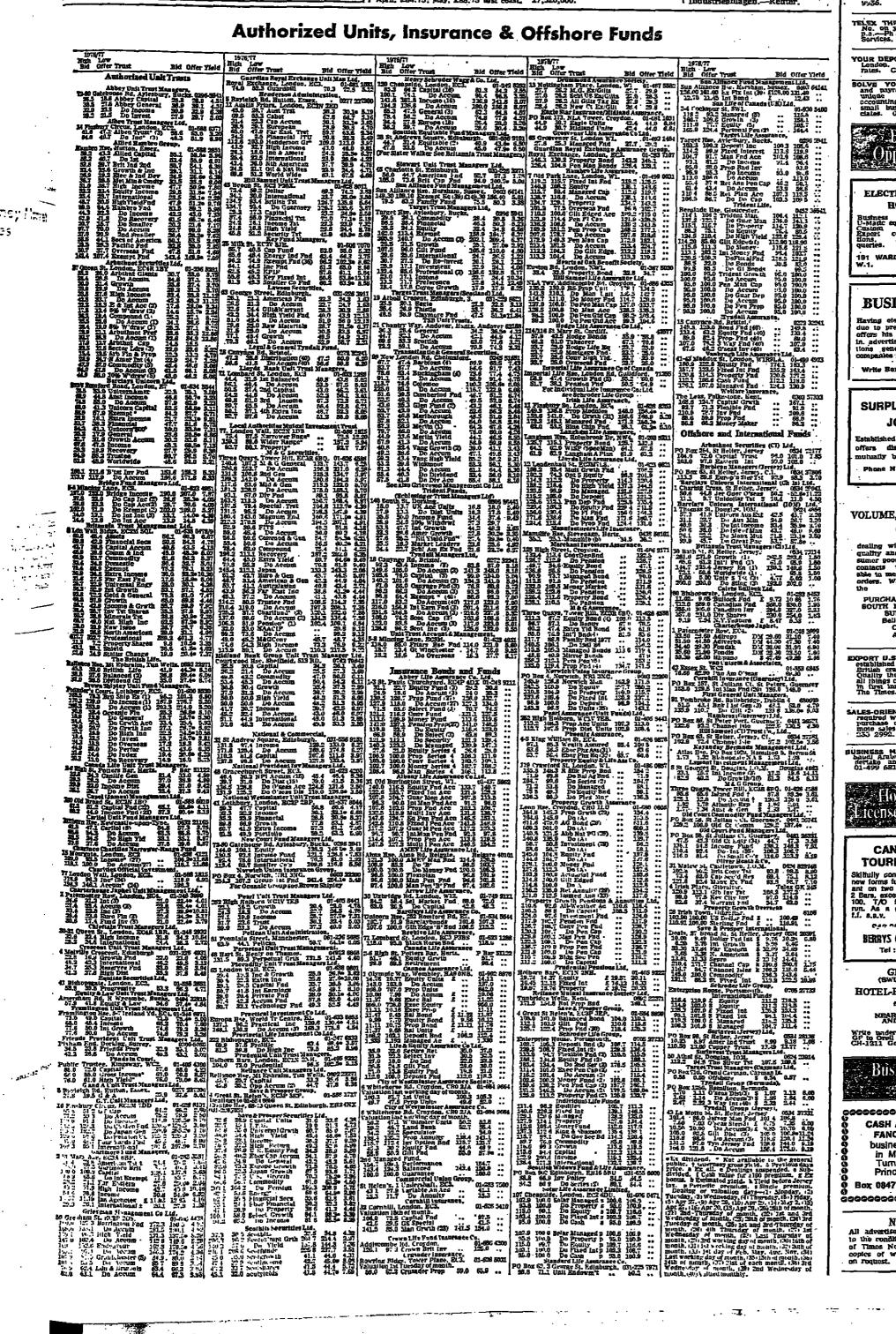
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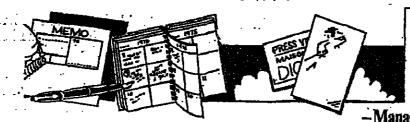
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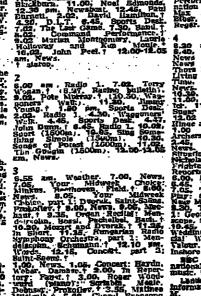






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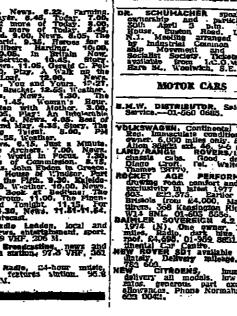




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